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1 dozen Dinner Forks, 1 dozen Dessert Forks, 1 dozen Tea Spoons, 1 dozen Table Spoons, 1 dozen Dessert Spoons, 1 dozen Coffee Spoons, Berry Spoon, Sugar Spoon, Cheese Scoop, Sugar Tongs, Butter Knife.

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Combinations, Vests, Drawers, in full assortment for Ladies, Misses and Children.

We are sole agents for the sale of the above goods in Victoria.

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MAUDE—We must have a Heating Stove this Winter, dear.

CHARLIE—Well, go down to Cheapside and get one. They have a big variety and their prices are always right.

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Our Muscatelles, 3 lbs. for 25 cents.
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Our Mixed Nuts, 20 cents per lb.

Our Sugar, 21 lbs. for $1.00.
Those Eastern Oysters at 75 cents.
Bottle Port, 40c. Bottle Sherry, 40c.

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Another Consignment of

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For : Xmas : Trade!

Just arrived at Popular Prices.

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LEADING GROCERS.

This Year

We will show you the finest Line of

XMAS PERFUMERY

Ever exhibited in British Columbia. These goods will be on view in our show windows in a day or two.

JOHN COCHRANE,

Prescription Druggist.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SEE OUR 15c WALL PAPERs. Mellor, Port street, above Douglas.

ELEPHANT MIXED PAINTS, $1.50 per imperial gallon. Mellor, Port street, above Douglas.

DO YOU WANT a Christmas Present for a gentleman friend. Nothing better than one of our $20 Overcoats, sold by other tailors for $30. Kinnaird, the Cash Tailor, 46 Johnson st. de16-1

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS—The Juvenile Opera Co. will perform the beautiful operetta "The Four Leaved Clover" in Victoria Theatre, Thursday Evening, Dec. 19, and Saturday afternoon. The proceeds to be given as a Christmas present to the Protestant Orphans' Home. Admission 50c.; children 25c. Reserved seats at Jamieson's, 25c. extra. de16-4t

SINGLE TAX CLUB—Weekly public meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, in Temperance Hall, at 8 p.m. Addresses by members. Musical programme. Admission free. de16-1

Liberal Association.

The members of the Executive of the Victoria Liberal Association and the Young Men's Liberal Club are requested to meet at Philharmonic Hall, Fort St., on Tuesday Evening, 17th inst., at 8 o'clock. Business important

GEO. RIELY,
President Victoria Liberal Association.

E. V. BODWELL,
President Young Men's Liberal Club.

An Ideal Xmas Present

May be selected from our stock of

Holiday Perfumes, Toilet Goods, Etc.,

Now on exhibition at our store. New and beautiful designs. Have you seen our show windows?

Dean & Hiscocks,

Successors to Dean & Cryderman.
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VICTORIA THEATRE.

Juvenile Opera Co.,

Under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and family, His Worship the Mayor and wife, many charitable associations of the city, the proceeds to be given as a Christmas Present to the

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME,

Thursday Ev'g, Dec. 19, & Saturday Afternoon

AT 2:30 OCLOCK.

Admission 50c.; children 25c.; reserved seats at Jamieson's, 25c. extra. de15-5

GRAND

CHARITY BALL

...In aid of the...

B. C. Benevolent Society Christmas Fund.

To be held by Triumph Lodge, No. 4, D. of H., A.O.U.W..,

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC 20

At the A.O.U.W. Hall, Yates St

Tickets $1.50. Extra lady, 50c. de16

GRAND

Military Concert.

In Aid of the B.C.B.G.A. Band Fund.

VICTORIA THEATRE,

—ON—

Wednesday Ev'g, Dec. 18th.

PART I.

1. Overture—"Cavalaria Rusticana ..... Mascagni
The Regimental Band
2. Solo .....
3. Solo for Cornet—"Culver Polka." ..... Steinhauser
Bandsman North.
4. Song .....
Mr. J. G. Brown.
5. Physical Drill .....
B. C. B. G. A. Gunners.
6. Solo .....
C. W. Rhodes.
(Interval of five minutes.
7. Intermezzo—"Forget Me Not" Macbeth
Regimental Band.
8. Solo .....
W. Ralph Higgins.
9. Duet .....
Mrs. Archer Martin and Miss Laura Loewen.
10. Bayonet Exercise .....
B. C. G. B. A. Gunners.
11. Clarionet Solo—"2nd Air Varie" .Mohr
Bandsman Bansh.
12. Waltz—"Jolly Fellows" .. .. ..Valker
Regimental Band.
"God Save the Queen"..Band and Audience

Tickets—75c., 50c. and 25c. Seats now on sale at Jamieson's. de16

COL. PRIOR CONTROLLER

One of Victoria's Representatives is Given a Seat Near the Cabinet.

Has Been Offered and Accepted the Controllership of Inland Revenue.

It Simply Means a Job With a Salary and the Affix of Honorable.

An Ottawa dispatch this morning says: "Lieut.-Col. Prior, of British Columbia, is to be made minister of customs with a seat in the cabinet, and Mr. Wood will also be taken into the cabinet, thus doing away with the controllership. The solicitor-generalship may be abolished. After a Quebec minister can be found the cabinet will be complete. Mr. Prior is said to be in favor of coercing Manitoba on the school question, and this will help the government in Quebec. The government could not get a coercionist minister in Ontario, hence the flight to British Columbia. The writ will be issued at once for the bye-election in Victoria.

A later dispatch, however, puts a different light on the affair. It says: The report published in the government press here that Col. Prior is to have a seat in the cabinet is inaccurate. He has been offered the controllership of inland revenue and will accept. Controller Wood has been offered and accepted the controllership of customs. Messrs. Wood and Prior will be sworn in as members of the Privy Council the same as was done in the case of ex-Speakers Kirkpatrick and Ouimet. It means a job with a salary attached for Mr. Prior, but no cabinet minister for British Columbia. Being privy councillor will entitle the controllers to the profix "Honorable," but that is all.

Col. Prior was seen to-day by a Times representative this afternoon regarding the appointment. The Colonel was busy reading telegrams congratulating him on his appointment. Col. Prior stated that he was not sure what the portfolio is. He had received a telegram from Premier Bowell asking him if he would accept a portfolio with a seat in the cabinet. A later telegram from the premier stated that he could be sworn in a Privy Councillor after the bye-election, and this would save one trip to Ottawa. Col. Prior is of the opinion that the office is the controllership of customs or inland revenue, and that the position will carry with it a seat in the cabinet.

At Saturday's meeting of the cabinet, Hon. J. F. Wood was appointed acting controller of customs.

Sir Charles Tupper, high commissioner, has arrived from England. He says his stay in Canada will be short, and that it has no political significance. The premier and Hon. Messrs. Daly, Ouimet, Costigan and other ministers called upon him yesterday.

The plan of sending return men to the old country to work up emigration has been abandoned by mutual consent of the three interests which have been working in co-operation, viz.: the C. P. R., the government and the steamship companies. The results achieved were not as great as expected.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—E. F. Clarke, deputy grand master of the Orange order, has been considering the question of running as Clarke Wallace candidate in Cardwell in place of the McCarthy candidate who was willing to retire in his favor. Mr. Clarke, however, has decided that he won't run, unless the Liberal candidate retires. The Liberals are determined not to retire, therefore, Clarke remains out of the contest. Owing to this decision Clarke Wallace will not take part in the campaign, refusing to identify himself with either the Conservative, Liberal or McCarthy candidate. Wallace was in the constituency Saturday, but went home to Woodbridge in the evening. Dalton McCarthy is at Dingville and will spend several days working hard for his candidate. Stubbs, and Foster and Montague have arrived and will go into the constituency for a week addressing several meetings daily. For the Liberal candidate Sir Richard Cartwright, Dr. Langevin, M. P., J. D. Edgar, M. P. and James McMillan, M. P., are dow nfor active wrok. No patron is working in the constituency, but the members of the order will most likely vote for McCarthy. The contest promises to be very lively and interesting.

The Chinese immigration last month was 1371, an increase of 53.

Father Paradis' colony, in northern Ontario, of French Canadians from Michigan, is making excellent progress.

E-Mayor St. Jean was burnt out out of house and home yesterday.

At the Hintonburg village council meeting on Friday night, Reeve Meara took offense at some personal remarks of a villager named Waggoner and promptly slapped his face. A big row followed which was quelled by the police after some difficulty.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

A Declaration of the Position Occupied by the Insurgents.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The attitude and claims of the Cubans are set forth in a statement given out today by Senor Gonzalo de Quesada, secretary of the Cuban delegation in the United States. It is in answer to a pamphlet signed "American," which has been widely circulated in this country.

Senor Quesada pictures the alleged Spanish cruelties, gives an official estimate that there are 50,000 revolutionists in the field and invites the Spanish advocates to a debate.

He continues: "We cannot fail suggesting that if the newspapers of this country have not been able to obtain exact news of the war in Cuba it has been because the cable and mail have been in the hands exclusively of and tampered with by Spanish authorities, who will not allow any matter to go through not favorable to the Spanish government. Did Martinez Campos give the order or not that all foreign correspondents who should go into the Cuban ranks, and threaten to shoot them immediately if they did not obey." The American correspondents Woodward and Reno, and others refused to sell their American manhood and dishonor their calling by falsifying reports of battles, or concealing horrible atrocities committed in the fields by the Spanish." There has been no absence of presentment of the Spanish side, yet the Americans don't know how a man could be killed and identified as Maceo and five months later defeat the Spanish commander at Valenjula, and again, three months afterwards, cross the terrible military cordon of the Spanish into Los Villas. Similarly the alleged surrender of Rabi Rego, and a host of other fabrications were given only to discourage the Cubans or influence possible legislation in this country, as was done before the President's message, when it was wired that the Cuban cause had received its death blow.

The Spanish have not admitted a single defeat, yet the Cubans have armed their men with Mauser rifles, used only by the government. The government has killed, according to official reports, more men than they admit we have in the field. Yet we hear of transports bringing a thousand unfortunate recruits to fight for a toppling monarchy in America. Spain never loses. If the truth is not known it is Spain's fault. Let her welcome fearless and incorruptible American journalists to Cuba and give them all facilities. Let her ask the press of this country to name a committee of investigation, otherwise it will look as if she was afraid of the power of the American press. Cuba has placed in the field an army of 50,000 men. She has a population of 1,500,000, about half women, leaving 750,000 males, fully 200,000 able-bodied men among them. This is a wonderful proportion, and shows an almost unanimous feeling in favor of the revolution. The majority are in favor of war. If not, how is it the whole Spanish army has not been able to crush this band of desperadoes? that more than thirty generals and God knows how many officers, have been chasing these Rob Roys without succeeding in catching and crushing them?

A BAD FIRE IN WINNIPEG.

Probable Heavy Loss of Both Life and Property—Victims Recovered.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Fire broke out this morning about 7 o'clock in the Cauchon tenement block on South Main street, one of Winnipeg's largest buildings. By 9 o'clock the north half of the four storey block had been consumed, the balance of the building being saved by a fire wall, and after a hard fight by the firemen. There were seventy tenants in the building and those occupying suites in the burned portion lost all their possessions, escaping scantily attired by means of the escapes and ladders, the stairway being cut off by the flames.

How many lives were lost it is impossible to say with certainty, the debris being yet too hot to make a search. Three bodies have been recovered, however. The first taken out was Major Morrice, one of Winnipeg's oldest and best known residents. He was still breathing when caried out by the firemen, but died in a few minutes. His wife was burned to death in her apartments, the body not being found until after the floors had fallen. Both were elderly people and the parents of a large family of children, who are prominent in social circles. The third known victim is a medical student whose name cannot now be ascertained. Among those seriously injured are: Mrs. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Baby, whose injuries were sustained by jumping from upper windows. They are in the hospital. It is feared that there are several more victims, and the fact that within a few minutes the big building was a mass of flames and the stairway cut off gives good cause for this fear. In addition to this, several of the numerous tenants are missing. The property loss will be heavy, but cannot now be estimated.

A Hollander named Charles Williams was arrested last night for assaulting the doorkeeper of the Salvation Army barracks.

The Patrons of Industry, in their convention at Emerson, nominated Gavin Ross for the legislature.

A. M. Brown died Saturday evening, aged 75. He was city clerk from the date of incorporation of the city in 1874 until 1882, when he was succeeded by his son, Charles J. Brown, the present city clerk. Deceased came here in 1871, when he was manager for a large trading company, having headquarters in Montreal. Prior to coming west he was manager of the International Transportation company, with headquarters at Kingston.

THE KILLING AT KHARPUT

Letters From Correspondents Who Were Eye-Witnesses of the Wholesale Murder.

The Whole Affair Was Pre-Arranged—Plunder and Murder the Chief Object.

The Region in a State Desolation—Christians Stripped of Their Clothes.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—Letters at hand from correspondents in Kharput, Eastern Turkey, give a detailed account of the scenes and incidents attending the recent massacre of Armenians there, as well as the massacre itself.

Says the writer: "The first excitement was over and tranquility pretty well restored when the Dersim Kurds began to plunder the villages right and left, six of which are in the immediate vicinity of Kharput, the nearest one being within two hours of the city. The whole city was tossed with apprehension, expecting an attack. It is generally said that the Kurds and the government sanction these affairs; others say that the Kurds in the city are in league with them. The Kurds, while plundering the villages, were heard to say: "We are going to Kharput;' the Turks in the city said: 'The Kurds are coming here to plunder the Christian quarters." One official, when appealed to by us for means for defense of the city said: 'Why should we protect the Giaours; let them be killed.'"

The governor telegraphed here that 2000 Kurds had come there, and that he could not cope with them. This threw the responsibility on the Kharput government. Some of the leading men went to the governor and asked for protection, but they were treated with contempt. The disturbances could not have happened if strong orders had been sent to governors-general to preserve order at any cost.

The terror and distress in the devastated villages can scarcely be pictured. Those who escaped with their lives have been stripped of everything else, with winter just at their doors. Where the Kurds alone have devastated the loss is not great. Kurds plunder but do not kill unless resisted; but the Turks kill in cold blood in a way suggested by the archfiend himself. Any idea of an uprising among the Armenians is absurd. They are in terror of their lives. They are prepared to surrender all their possessions if only their lives are spared.

Another writer describes the attacks on the city and says: "The first attack was begun on Sunday, November 10th, by a few Kurds. These were easily driven off. On Monday they made another attack in the morning, but this also was repelled. These attacks amounted to little, but later on Monday the Kurds and Turks from the surrounding region attacked Husenik. Then the bugle blew and the soldiers withdrew to the city, dragging a cannon after them in a very leisurely fashion. After the soldiers reached the city both Kurds and Turks came on yelling and firing. The soldiers made no attempt to stop them. They fired the cannon once harmlessly into the air toward the city, and then over the heads of the enemy. The Turks of the city joined in the plunder and attack. The Armenian school was set on fire and then the greater part of the Christian quarter. Christians were shot down everywhere. I saw all these things with my own eyes. I watched the operations with a field glass, and it was perfectly plain that the whole affair was definitely planned and prearranged. The Christians had given up their arms and cast themselves on the protection of the government. No Christian fired on the assailants. The missionaries took refuge in the girls' school until that was attacked. The mission house of the Rev. O. P. Allen and wife was burned and the school set on fire. They then gathered in the yard and prepared to die. Dr. Barnum spoke to the military commander. He sent some soldiers, but only two remained to protect the missionaries; they threatened if they were not given backsheesh they would go away as their comrades had done. The missionaries finally decided to go into the college building. As they left the school yard a Turk fired twice upon them from across the yard, first at Mr. Allen and then at Rev. G. Frank Gates, but he was a bad marksman and no one was hurt. The family of Mr. Gates was the last to leave the yard. Soon after the missionaries got into the school building an officer was sent for them to come out. The missionaries refused to do so, saying that they had no confidence in the chief and the mufti. If he wished to offer protection he could protect them where they were. If he did not the missionaries would die there. At last Ali Bey, a Circassian, arrived; he was the only man who acted as if he meant to do anything for the missionaries. He called back the soldiers who had been sent by the commander. The missionaries at once came out and commenced fighting the fires that had been set. Ali Bey helped them. The houses of President Gates, Dr. Barnum, the normal school and the college building were saved and eight of the other

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FROM FATHERLAND.

President Cleveland's Remarks Still Troubling the Minds of German Ministers.

The Emperor's Bete Noir, the Socialist Question, Continues a Lively Topic.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The references which President Cleveland made to the restrictions placed upon American trade and insurance by Germany, in his recent message to Congress, have been followed up by definite action upon the part of Mr. Theodore Runyon, U. S. ambassador here. Mr. Runyon has already commenced making diplomatic representations on the subject of the vexatious restrictions placed upon American meat imports and insurance companies and the outcome is awaited with interest.

Throughout the week the Socialists have been the centre of public attention. Herr Bebel's impassioned recriminations against the order of things were listened to with close attention, even by the chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, General Bonsart von Schallendorf, and the Conservative leaders. His bitter slaps at the Emperor elicited vociferous applause from the Socialists, and his historical quotations showing that in Prussia revolutions have always been made from on high, instead of from below, were especially apt and unanswerable. During the coming week Herr Lebknecht intends to make a speech on "Socialist baiting," which is expected to make a great impression. The Socialists have introduced a long string of bills in the Reichstag, including proposals to eliminate from the penal code the paragraphs against lese majeste, to pass a law of liberal tendency on the right of assertion to replace special laws of the various states of Germany; to make eight hours work per day obligatory everywhere; to make the franchise uniform throughout Germany; and to amend article 31 of the code so as to require special authority from the Reichstag for imprisoning a member of the Reichstag.

It is now certain the successor of Baron von Koeller, as Prussian minister of the interior, will be Baron von Der Recke der Verst, president of the province of Dusseldorf. The latter has engaged himself, before taking portfolio, to follow, generally, the emperor's programme in fighting the Socialists, and aiding husbandry. The reply of Baron Marschall von Bieberstein to President Cleveland's message to congress is considered a moderate expression of the government's opinions.

Baron Stumm von Tardoff visited Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe this week. The Prince expressed regret at Baron von Koeller's dismissal, saying he was the only man in the present cabinet who understood how to grapple with Socialism. The Baron says he found Prince Bismarck hearty and strong, walking about his park, and that he indulged in this exercise for over an hour at a time.

Later reports from the city of Hamburg and vicinity indicate that property there of the value of six million marks was destroyed by the recent storm. The northern half of the famous Hambach castle, near Manneheim, was badly wrecked. Damage to the forest of Bavaria was very extensive.

The Berlin exposition authorities have accepted the offer of Fred Thiel, representing the Multiple Speed railway company, of Chicago, and will grant a concession allowing the construction of a moving sidewalk at the exposition grounds.

Another frightful tragedy has just been enacted in Wiesbaden, which illustrates the danger of harboring so-called harmless lunatics unrestrained in private families. For years the well known millionaire, Herr Aschoff, has refused to permit he incarceration of his son in an insane asylum. Through the affidavits of prominent physicians he managed to evade the law which forbids the keeping of lunatics outside of a state or private institution. In a sudden fit of anger young Aschoff grabbed a carving knife from a table and stabbed his aged father to death. The enraged young man then attempted to kill himself, but only succeeded in inflicting some slight wounds, as the cries of the father brought the other members of the family on the scene, who disarmed him and prevented a suicide.

Another scandal is reported from the Rhine provinces, where, in the suburb of Cologne, Superintendent Czaplewski, of the house of correction, has been sentenced to a long term of imprisonment for inflicting punishment of medieval brutality on the inmates.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

National Committee Called to Meet at Washington City, January 16.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—W. F. Harrity chairman of the Democratic committee, this afternoon requested the secretary of the committee to notify the members thereof to assemble at Washington City on January 16th next, for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next Democratic convention. Chairman Harrity has received letters from commercial bodies in fifty cities urging the committee to select a late date for the national convention. Business people contend that a long campaign unsettles trade. It is believed a date not later than the middle of July will be selected.

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor:—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp:—Mr. Edward Lambert. P. O. Box 55, Jarvis, Ont.

THEY WILL BE RECONCILED.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson Have Decided to Let Bygones be Bygones.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Every indication points to the reconciliation of Mrs. Lou Jamieson with her husband, Laughlin Jamieson, whom she deserted years ago. It is believed that there was a meeting between them Thursday night after the steamship Umatilla arrived. Mrs. Jamieson's personal effects have been taken to the flat at 1228 Lombart street, which Mr. Jamieson has occupied for three months past with his mother and little son, Laughlin, jr.

MARTINEZ CAMPOS RESIGNS

Spain's Best Soldier Has Had Enough Cuban Figating.

Paris, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Figaro from Madrid says: General Martinez Campos has resigned his command of the Spanish troops in Cuba, and will be succeeded by Gen. Weiler, at present commander of the government corps of the Spanish army with headquarters at Barcelona.

Washington City, Dec. 16.—An official dispatch from Jamaica states that the Horsa has been fined £50 for carrying passengers not properly listed. The Horsa is the vessel held at Philadelphia on the charge of carrying filibusters to Cuba. She was temporarily released during the hearing of the case. The fine of £50 is said to be £1 for each passenger carried.

News received here from Pinar del Rio says that the parents and two brothers of a government scout have been hanged near there by insurgents.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—According to a dispatch from Havana, the insurgents under Gomez and Maceo have reached Siguanea, province of Santa Clara, and intend to invade the centre of that province.

ALL CONTRACTS ARE OFF.

The Purchasers of the Santa Fe Railroad Begin Over Again.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A local paper says: The new management of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway have decided to cancel on January 1 every contract of every description held by or against the old company and begin all over again as if none of them were in existence. This decision applies to traffic contracts with other corporations, railroad and otherwise, and in fact contracts of every kind. Wheeler H. Peckham, of New York, counsel for the Union Trust company, holds that the foreclosure sale wiped out everything in the shape of contracts, liabilities, liens and obligations of all kinds and the purchaser starts out entirely fresh with no entangling alliances of any kind. The announcement made yesterday that the contract with the Pullman company has been broken does not mean that Wagner cars will be put on the Santa Fe in the future. On the contrary, the contract with the Pullman company will undoubtedly be renewed. The contract with the Wells Fargo express company will be the next one to be abrogated, but it also will be renewed. Then others will come thick and fast to be renewed and some not and out of it all comes the promise of some exceedingly interesting litigation.

There is a general impression that contracts may be renewed upon terms more favorable to the company. One of the contracts with which there is a question is the one with the Southern Pacific giving the Santa Fe an outlet to San Francisco. This contract gives the Santa Fe the right to run its own trains into San Francisco if it desires to do so at any time. It has never availed itself of this privilege, however, and simply gave the Southern Pacific a rate of so much a mile for all the cars this company hauls between Mojave and San Francisco. The contract provides that either party may break it after giving a year's notice of intention. The renewal of the contract with the Southern Pacific would show there is no immediate intention of the Santa Fe to build a new line from Los Angeles to San Francisco, as has been reported. It would not be an easy matter for the Santa Fe to secure a right of way to San Francisco, as the route would have to be through the San Joaquin valley and this is fully occupied by the Southern Pacific and San Joaquin valley road now in course of construction from San Francisco to Bakersfield. Control of the latter might be secured by the Santa Fe by lease or purchase and the building of a connecting link from Bakersfield to Mojave or some other point on the line of the Atlantic & Pacific or Southern California would only be necessary.

ITALIAN MILITARY DUTY.

Naturalized Americans Made to Undergo This Injustice.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Minister of War Mocenni of the Italian government is now in correspondence with Count Rozwadowski, King Humbert's consul at Chicago, concerning a question of enforced service for an American citizen in the Italian army. Oscar Durante, a naturalized American citizen, editor of the Chicago L'Italia, and for the second time a municipal office holder, has been ordered to report for a physical examination to determine his fitness as a soldier of Italy. Early next week, in pursuance of these orders, Mr. Durante will report at the office of the consulate and will submit to an examination. Mr. Durante says that owing to the diplomatic policy between Italy and the United States it is necessary to acquiesce to this demand of King Humbert is he wishes to escape arrest, imprisonment and enforced military duty on the occasion of any future visit to his fatherland. To emphasize the claim that President Cleveland should deal with the Italian government in a vigorous fashion, Mr. Durante declares that there are now doing enforced duty in the army of Italy several naturalized American citizens, who were snatched up by the royal guards of Italy while on visits to their kindred. The last case happened within a year, Mr. Durante says, and although the newspapers of this country made mention of it at the time, the matter was dropped with the Chicagoan deprived of his liberty, and a chance that he may be required to serve full five years. Italy refuses to recognize the right of its subjects to give allegiance to foreign powers. Even children who leave Italy are kept on the list for army duty. Italy claims all who have ever had allegiance to its government, and although unable to enforce the claims on alienated subjects as long as they remain away, once let them return, Mr. Durante says, and the agents of the Italian government who watch trains and vessels seize them and throw them into prison. They are liable to incarceration for six months, besides army service. This programme is carried on by a "refractory" system of which consulates in other lands are a part. Count Rozwadowski has transacted the business in Mr. Durante's case, and the Chicagoan awaits the issue with deep concern, hoping for the discovery of some physical disqualification against military duty.

SPANISH CABINET CHANGES.

New Appointments Are Made to the Vacant Portfolios.

Madrid, Dec. 16.—Count Valdosero has been appointed minister of justice in succession of Senor Poroorog Robledo, who resigned on account of the municipal scandal, and also as a result of a recent disagreement with the course pursued by Capt. General Martinez de Campos in Cuba. Senor Riva was today appointed minister of public works. He succeeds Senor Rosch, resigned, who is also said to be implicated in the municipal scandals.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

Of Specie at New York for the Week—Saturday's Stock Markets.

New York, Dec. 16.—The export of specie from the port of New York amounted to $1,222,000 in gold, and $1,020,000 in silver. The imports were: gold, $74,681; silver, $16,418; dry goods, $2,543,520; general merchandise, $5,880,210.

Speculation on Saturday was, as usual, chiefly in the industrials. The movement in that group was sharply upward, especially in tobacco, which advanced 4⅝ percent to 76¾; leather preferred gained 2; Chicago gas, 1 7-8 and sugar 1¼ per cent. The railway shares were but lightly dealt in, and the only changes of importance in that department were advances of 1½ per cent in Baltimore & Ohio, and of 1¼ per cent each in U. E. & W. preferred, and Minneapolis & St. Paul preferred. Estimates of gold shipments on Tuesday next ranging up to $4,000,000, caused a sagging tendency in the leading railway stocks, which contributed to an irregular closing. Up to a late hour the only definite news of probable gold engagements for Tuesday accounted for but $2,150,000. No gold has actually been ordered as yet.

SCOTT IS RATHER SEVERE.

The Well Known Critic's Strictures on Trilby Creates Some Talk.

London, Dec. 16.—The hostile criticism which Clement Scott, the well-known dramatic critic, has continually bestowed upon the performance of "Trilby" at the Haymarket has recently assumed a magnitude that is classed as surprising, that he alone, of all the London critics, could claim to have found fault with the play and its clever interpretation. The provincial newspapers, which were quick to recognize the merits of the play, have, it appears, become much exercised by Mr. Scott's strictures, which, it is asserted, seem to reflect upon their previously expressed opinion and in some cases denounces his criticism, which they think is inspired by personal animosity, rather than from the standpoint of impartial journalism. To such an extent, it is added, has Mr. Scott carried his resentment that his criticism for "Truth," of which he is the regular dramatic critic, was rejected and written by Henry Labouchere himself.

"Further developments" are expected as a result of the controversy between Mr. Scott and the manager of the Haymarket. What makes matters more interesting is the fact that Clement Scott is a relative of Demaurier by marriage, and it is intimated in many circles that a family feud may have something to do with the affair.

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THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

After All the Dismemberments It Still Has 22,000,000 Subjects.

Turkey in Europe, once the largest empire on that continent, save Russia, now contains only 66,500 square miles, with a population of 4,688,000. (This, however, does not include Bulgaria, Eastern Roumelia and Bosnia, which jointly have an area of 58,730 square miles and a population of 4,320,000.) The total population includes about 700,000 Turks, 1,500,00 Albanians and 1,300,000 Greeks, Bulgarians and Wallachians. About 2,000,000 are Mohammedans. A great part of the surface is covered with mountains of moderate elevation. Since the Balkans no longer lie within the limits of the empire (although Turkey is allowed to occupy their passes in case of war), the loftiest mountains are those of the Rhodope or Despoto Dagh (7460 feet) in the east, and the mountain ranges of Albania in the west. To the latter belongs the Skhar Dagh (10,007 feet), the culminating point of the whole Balkan peninsula. Rivers are numerous, the principal of which are the Vardar, the Struma and the Maritza. The soil is for the most part fertile, but owing to various causes little progress has been made in agriculture. The cultivated products are rice, maize, cotton, barley, millet, sesame and other oil seeds, and tobacco; the natural products of the pine, beech, oak, maple, lime and ash, with the palm, maple, sycamore, walnut, chestnut, carob, box, myrtle, laurel, etc., south of the Balkans; large forests of pine and fir in the northwest; the olive, orange, citron, vine, peach, plum and fruit trees in Albania. The breeding of sheep is carried on extensively and wool constitutes an important article of trade. The mineral products are iron in large quantity, lead blended with silver, copper, sulphur, salt, alum and coal. Its manufactures are almost entirely domestic, such as woolen and cotton stuffs, carpets, shawls woolen and cotton stuffs, carpets shawls, leather, firearms, with dyeing and printing works.

Turkey in Asia is by far the larger and more populous of the two divisions. It comprises Asia Minor, Syria, including Palestine, the greater part of Armenia and Kurdistan, Mesopotamia (the valley of the Euphrates and Tigris), and the western portion of Arabia bordering on the Red Sea, with the district of El Hasa on the eastern side of the Persian Gulf; having a total area of 680,000 square miles and an estimated population of 16,333,000 inhabitants. To this number must be added the autonomous island of Samos (180 square miles, population 40,513), and Cyprus, which pays an annual tribute. Of the total population about 6,800,000 are Turks, 5,300,000 Syrians and Arabs, and 1,000,000 Greeks. The number of Mohammedans is 12,000,000. The chief seat of present interest is in Armenia, Kurdistan and Asia Minor, where massacres are occurring daily. It is to be observed, however, that a formidable revolt has occurred in Yemen, in Southern Arabia, which the Porte will scarcely be able to suppress. That rich and important province is likely, therefore, to be lost to the empire.

Yemen is very fertile; in most places there are two, and in some three crops a year. Rain falls abundantly in June, July and August. Besides coffee, the chief products are lentile, wheat, grapes and fruit in great variety. Among animals, donkeys, camels and sheep abound and in some places there are deer and gazelles. The population of the province is estimated at three million. The chief occupation of the people is agriculture, trade coming next, and the dyeing and weaving of cloth comes last. Iron, coal and copper are said to exist near the capital, and gold is found in some places. Before the Portuguese came to discover the route to the east around the cape, Yemen was noted for commerce between the Mediterranean and India, Persia and other countries of the east. As usual with every fertile country, Yemen was several times invaded by several nations—the Assyrians, Egyptians and Turks. During the fifteenth century Mocha rose to eminence in commerce. It was at that time that commerce was first introduced into Yemen. During the 17th century Mocha rose to eminence in commerce. It was at that time that coffee was first introduced into Yemen. During the 17th century the Dutch and East India companies established factories at Mocha, and in the 18th century the French followed suit. Mocha was a very thriving seaport until 1839, when Aden became a British possession. Since that time Mocha has declined, so that now only some ruined buildings and huts mark the place.

In Africa, Turkey rules Tripoli and Barka (320,000 square miles, population 1,010,000), and levies a heavy tribute upon Egypt. But the two former may now be reckoned the property of Italy, and the last named is little less than a British colony. Nominally, therefore, the Turkish empire has an area of 1,710,000 square miles, with 32,500,000 inhabitants, but of the vast territories only 1,145,000 square miles, with 22,011,000 inhabitants, are under the direct rule of the Turks, the rest paying tribute or only merely acknowledging the suzerainty of the Porte.—New York Tribune.

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Dated the 15th day of November, 1895.

FRANCIS B. GREGORY,
Board of Trade Building, Victoria, B. C.
Solicitor for Americo Vincenzo Bossi and Andrea Calvino Bossi, Executors of the Estate of the late Carlo Bossi, deceased.
nov16-1m

Land Registry Act.

Part (30 acres) of Section 14, Range VI., East, and of Section 14, Range 5, East, South Saanich District.

Whereas the Certificate of Title of Richard James Smith to the above hereditaments, bearing date the 26th June, 1891, has been lost and application has been made for a duplicate of such certificate.

Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against dealing in any way with the bay gelding "Snohomish Boy," now supposed to be in the hands of Frank Adams.

TAM ELWELL.
Victoria, Dec. 10th, 1895. dec10-1w

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E. A. WILMOT,
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City Hall, Oct. 15, 1895.

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—Next Thursday evening the pupils of Angela college will entertain a number of invited friends with a first class musical programme.

—Thursday evening's concert given by the ladies of the R. C. Cathedral at Institute Hall netted $71. The receipts totalled $124 and the expenditure was $53.

—A promising two year old colt by Kisber out of Sunshine got picketed in jumping a fence at Bowman's ranch and had to be killed. He belonged to W. Millington.

—Miss M. A. Nason and Miss Kate McCurdy, of the Victoria Collegiate Institute have been chosen to represent the school children of Victoria in the production of the Christmas Examiner.

—At this evening's meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria, the committee appointed to interview the congregation of the Central church will present their report. As the receipts have averaged but $5 a Sunday, the church will probably be made a mission charge.

—The ladies of the Victoria West Methodist church hold their annual sale of fancy and useful articles on the 17th instant, in Semple's hall. High tea will be served during the afternoon and evening at a moderate charge. A good programme is promised for the evening.

—Any person who knows Mr. Arbuthnot Macaulay Emerson's present address wil confer a favor and be suitably rewarded by informing the president of the Protestant Orphans' Home. Mr. Emerson left Vancouver in the early part of 1894 by one of the Empresses bound for Hong Kong.

—A meeting of the committe from the Jubilee Hospital Board appointed to confer with Mrs. Walkem regarding the establishment of a home for old women, met on Saturday. After Mrs. Walkem had explained the object of the ladies who had the undertaking in hand, the committee decided to grant them the use of the old French Hospital free of charge.

—A gymanistic entertainment under the management of the Y. M. C. A. athletes will be given in A. O. U. W. Hall on Tuesday evening next. An excellent programme, interspersed among the athletic features. The athletic performers are: Charles Wriglesworth, Harry Mellish, H. Roper, C. H. Erskine, J. Sherk, W. Peden, B. Littlewood, C. E. Esnouf and J. Hill.

—A full rehearsal will be held by the juvenile opera company on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the theatre. This will be the last rehearsal before the performance on Thursday evening. It will be under the distinguished patronage of the Lieut.-Governor and family, the Mayor, and many of the charitable associations of the city. The proceeds will be devoted to securing a Christmas treat for the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home.

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OFF FOR HOLIDAYS

The Pupils of South School Are Dismissed for the Christmas Holidays.

Donations for the Deserving Poor Will be Brought by the Children.

South Park school was closed for the holidays to-day. Owing to the unusually stormy weather the number of visitors was not so large as on former occasions. After the reading of the promotion list Inspector Burns and Trustees Mrs. Grant and Glover made short addresses congratulating the teachers and pupils on the successful work of the term. The seven pupils who were successful in passing the high school entrance examination presented their teacher, Miss Cameron, with an address and gold pen. The pupils of South Park school are not going to forget the poor of the city. They have arranged among themselves to come to the school on Wednesday and bring with them something that will gladden the hearts of the poor children in the city. Miss Cameron, the principal, will be glad to receive the names and addresses of any deserving poor, that they may be provided from the good things brought by the children. Below is the list of the promotions and prizes in full:

Promoted from Division II. to Division I.—Harry E Boorman, Margaret F Hart, Ethel Eleanor Devlin, Francis John Cox, Nathaniel A McDowell, Joseph Phillips, Charles Archibald Goodwin, Andrew Hogg.

Prize List—Harry Eustace Borman, head of class; Charles Archibald Goodwin, industry; Ethel Eleanor Devlin, improvement;

Promoted from III. to II. Division—Ethel Bowness, Russel Muirhead Burns, Maude George, Gladys Margaret Campbell, Margaret Ann Sabiston, George Robert Arthur, Alma Jeanette Buckham,, Thomas Cuthbert Brooker, Constance Eleanor Fawcett, Arthur Charles Futcher, Violet Winnifred Emery Elizabeth Heaney, Ina Mabel Redfern Helena Laura Miller, James Hillcoat Arthur, Emma Campbell, Kate Emily Redfern, Francis Finlaison.

Prize List—General proficiency—1st Ethel Bowness, 2nd Russell Muirhead Burns; greatest improvement during term, Gladys Margaret Campbell.

Promoted from Division IV. to Division III.—Miss L. M. Speers, teacher—Mary Emily McDonald Irwin, William Mulcahy, John Gavin Dickson, Guy Lawson Temple, Samuel Wilson Lorimer, Alfred Edward Redfern, Robert Percy Dunn, Andrew Mutcahy, Samuel Dickson McConnell, Isabel Mary Dunn, Leonard Fordham Solly, Katharine Bartlett, Robert Barber, Elizabeth Raymond, Ada Eliza Spencer, Christine Murray, Charlotte Elizabeth Jones, Nellie Bahr, George Valentine Oremus, Walter Laing; Lillian Grace Shears, Kenneth Morrison, George Henry McDonnell, Charles Gordon Jameson, Herbert Ferdinand Glassey, Mary Isabel Laing.

Prize List—Mary Emily McDonald Irwin, head of class; William Mulcahy, second in class; John Gavin Dickson, full marks in written arithmetic; Alfred Edward Redfern, 97 per cent in written arithmetic; Christine Murray, neatest note books.

Promoted from V. to IV. Division—Jack Newby, Alfred Monk, Violet Mary Sweet, Wilfred Baddeley Goddard, Cornelius Roskamp, Stanley Boyd Russel, Paul Bowden, Phillips, Ethel Butler, Ellen Meade Jackson, Mabel Brown, Elsie Grant Giffin, Edith Eleanor Humphrey, Beatrice Raymond, Sarah Irwin, Jessie D Fairfull, Annie Lillian Jackson, Agnes Ann Lorimer.

Prize List—Jack Newby, 1st for proficiency; Alfred Monk, 2nd for proficiency, Norma Mitchell, 1st prize for reading; Herman Atkinson for diligence and improvement in writing.

Promoted from VI. to V. Division—Victor Charles Ireland, Edith Viola Wood, Jessie Rebecca McLean, Helen Victoria Fraser, Frank Muirhead Burns, Rossie Arthur Fenn, Edmund Woodward, James Pennington Temple, Amelia Elizabeth Woolcock, James George Flett Sabiston, Lizzie Garven Jamieson, Gladys Woodward, Alfred Allitt Walter, William James Gawley,, Edwin Arthur Bloor, Albert Anderson Dorman, Ethel Pearl Davis, Edith May Winkel, Emily Elizabeth Brooker, Arthur Henry Arnold Newcombe.

Prize List—Proficiency—1st Victor Ireland, 2nd Edith Wood.

Promoted from VII. to VI. Division—Clark Gill, Barbara Cameron Brown, Edna Maltby Ricaby, Jas H Gordon, Walter Clifton Cameron Janet T Peden, Charles Ross, Minnie Sellick, Dan Miller, John Woodward, Maurice Foster Barham, Victor Gillespie, William Samuel Bartlett, William Dickson, Owen Mulcahy, Edward Jameson, William Henry Glebe, John Greig, Ellen Bullock, Mabel Miller, William Hansen, Marie Louise Bloor, Charles Vincent.

Prize List—Proficiency—1st Clark Gill, 2nd Barbara Cameron Brown; neatest exercise books, Minnie Sellick; arithmetic, Walter Clifton Cameron.

Promoted from VIII. to VII. Division—Charles George Banner, Herbert Foot, Alexander Campbell, Frederic Gildermeister Clavilla J Casselton, James D Donaldson, Edwin Wagg, Mary E Klusey, Hannah Hansen, Maude James, Leon Dassonville, Clarendon Briggs, Victor Winkel, Geo Duncan, Calvin Goodwin, Oswald Dorman, Alexander Holmes, Wilbert Watson, Winnifred Violet Redfern, Ralph Bamford, Conchluta Schnoter, James Loke.

Prize List—Proficiency—Charles Banner; improvement in writing—Maude James.

Promoted from IX. to VIII. Division—Catharine Miller, James Petticrew, Nellie Joule, Lancelot Wilson, Albert Fleming, Kate Maud Jackson, Rose Gildermeister, William Atkinson, Lillie Brooker, Robert S R Whyte, William McDonnell, Herbert Cox, Agnes Jackson, Edwin A Devlin, John R Emery, Marguerite Coyne, Charles Hansen, Thomas Allen, Howard Miller, Albert E Cullin, Leslie Allen, Victoria, M Lang, Stephen Harper, Kathleen Roberts, Stanley Whitwell, Julius B Roskamp.

Promotions I. Division to High School—Thomas Alexander Wolsely Donaldson, Frederic John Fawcett, Maud Mary Lettice, Katharine Margaret Lettice, Cassandra Ojlena Morrison; Mary Baldwin Franklin, Harriet Cotsford Mackay.

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What a Harper's Magazine Editor Thought 26 Years Ago.

The following is copied from Harper's Magazine of April, 1869:

"The British government seems once to have had a serious idea of constructing a great railway and steamboat route from Montreal to the Pacific.

"Several noted engineers reported about plans and surveys. One Waddington read his paper thereon before the Geographical Society. All that was wanted was to track the great Canadian lakes and the Saskatchewan river for 1,249 miles, and then catch the Fraser river in British Columbia and follow it for 260 or 280 miles down to Bute Inlet in British Columbia.

"By this route, out of 3,940 miles between Montreal and the Pacific there would be 2,400 miles by water, and, moreover, 'the fertile settlement of the Red river, now detached and isolated, would be connected with civilization and the outer world.'

"We imagine that no one who has read the various papers on this vast region which have appeared in this magazine will be inclined to invest much solid cash in any enterprise like those suggested by the British schemers. Nobody within the lives of living men will go overland from the Atlantic to the Pacific except through the American territory."

Harpers' editor evidently had not the spirit of prophecy.

THE LATE JOHN REDFERN.

He Created, Perfected and Distributed the Tailor-Made Woman.

John Redfern, the famous tailor, who died in England November 22, was the man who created, perfected and distributed the tailor made woman. But for him she would not be. Because of him she is found wherever garments are found, even in the semi-barbarous countries of the world.

It was in the days immediately after Sedan. The men dressmakers of Paris, working upon and through the Empress Eugenie, had made Paris not only the centre but the sole arbiter of fashion. There, and only there, were perfectly dressed women to be found. There, and only there, could perfect gowns be had. And what gowns they were in those days!—all flounces and furbelows, padding and stuffing and bustles and hoopskirts, until a woman looked like an artistically arranged and inflated bargain counter. Then came Redfern.

The empire had fallen. Paris was temporarily in eclipse. Nobody wanted to go there, with the corpse of the empire unburied and the mourners going about the streets. Redfern was an underling in a London dressmaking establishment. He saw that there was a chance even for London, then and now and always the home of the hideously dressed woman, to do something towards restoring and rehabilitating a ruined world of fashion. He decided that nothing further in the way of flounces and inflations could be done. And he remembered that human nature, and especially feminine nature, loves to rush from one extreme to the other.

So he left the establishment in which he amounted to nothing, and, taking his great idea with him, opened a small shop, very small, indeed, in the fashionable part of London. Then he proclaimed a new gospel of fashion.

"We have had exaggeration and complexity," said he, "let us leave all that. Let us be single. Let us wear light and airy goods no longer. Let us wear heavy, strong and sensible cloth. And instead of yards and yards of useless material, floating and flapping and flirting about, let us draw the cloth tightly over our bodies, revealing their graceful outlines in all their natural beauty."

Thus spoke Redfern, using "us" in the sense in which your valet uses it when he remarks: "Shall we wear our brown lounge suit or long coat and top hat to-day?" For by "us" he meant the women of the world of fashion. He spoke, and the women of fashion heard and obeyed.

He was born in the same year as Queen Victoria. As you see, he did not ascend the throne of fashion quite as soon as she ascended her throne of society. But he ascended and was crowned, and ruled for several years, without a rival. When Paris heard of the tailor made gown it said: "Can anything fashionable come out of London?" When it saw the tailor made gown it doubted no longer. Soon Redfern's big shop in London had a successful branch in Paris.

And tailor made garments for women began to spread throughout the world. The original doctrine of Redfern, which was narrow and did not aspire to any great conquests outside of street gowns and riding owns, was taken up and was adopted into gowns of every description, and, so far as its central idea is concerned, that is, the idea of simplicity, it rules to-day in spite of many savage attacks from Paris.

Of course Paris soon regained its supremacy as a centre of fashion. But Redfern never lost his hold. He had got most of the royal highnesses and grand duchesses and the like into his order books, and, for certain things, he kept them there without a defection until it was forgotten that he and he alone had thought out the tailor made gown. Then men tailors for women became as thick as men dressmakers for women, and Redfern was supreme no longer.

But he had built up a vast business; too vast and too scattered for one man. So Redfern became a stock company, with practically independent houses in half a doen European cities and in New York, Newport and Chicago in this country. There was some talk of selling the goodwill of the American branches some years ago, and the London company was offered $575,000 for it. But, after some hesitation, the offer was refused. For several years this old man who has just died has been out of the business entirely.

In this country the name of the old man is pretty well known. Indeed, the importance of the American trade caused him to send one of his sons over here. And many a quarrel has the American house had with the customs authorities over the bringing in of gowns made in London, where material and labor are so much cheaper. But on the continent of Europe the name of Redfern is as well known as that of any Englishman except Gladstone. In many places it is used in a general sense to express anything English for a man or woman to wear.

The man who made the tailor made girl is dead. But the tailor made girl is marching on.—New York World.

If you are feeling run down, DON'T TAKE MEDICINE but **NOURISHMENT.**

JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF

Strengthens—Use it

ARTIFICIAL SKATING ICE.

An Elaborate and Expensive Rink Built in New York.

There is a revival of ice skating in New York this winter. The most exclusive sets of society are to maintain a rink on the west side, where a limited number can indulge in the sport. Besides, an enterprise is about to be started in another part of the town whereby ice skating, under enjoyable conditons, at moderate cost, will be provided for the public.

About December 15 the new Ice Palace skating rink, at One Hundred and Seventh street and Lexington avenue, will be opened. It will be the largest natural ice skating rink in the world. The ice surface will comprise about a half acre of smooth, dry ice, with a temperature of 40 degrees on the rink and 70 degrees in the galleries and lobbies.

John D. Allan, the Philadelphia architect, and Stuart St. Clair, of the New York Manufacturing company, have designed and erected the ice machinery and tank. Their process was first tried in the Casino building, Pittsburg, and resulted in securing a dry, clear, solid surface of ice of large area.

Encouraged by this sucess, they decided to build in New York the largest ice skating rink in the world, which they have done at a large cost for machinery and buildings. The best location obtainable for the purpose was the old 71st Regiment armory. Work was begun on October 10.

The clear ice surface will cover an area of about 20,000 square feet, affording facilities for 1500 people. The pond is all under cover in one vast room. The walls above the gallery and the ceiling are decorated in artistic effects, icicles and talactites everywhere, while studded in obscure places are electric lights giving a shimmering effect.

Below the gallery the walls are pannelled and treated in warm tints with fine felt cloth, the whole being blended and harmonized in an artistic manner. Every convenience for the comfort of patrons has been provided.

It will be, in fact, skating in mild summer weather, under the most pleasing conditions, while at night over 2000 incandescent electric lights will make the scene one of great beauty. Skating carnivals in costume will be held, at which novelties will be introduced, together with fancy and expert skating exhibitions. Curling matches and other ice games will be held. Not the least remarkble feature will be a fine cafe. This will be contained in a room thirty by fifty feet, decorated in contrast to the rink proper, in tropical effects. The cafe will not be directly connected with the rink proper, but in a separate building, the ladies' cafe being on the second floor over the stair lobby.

A notable feature is the main entrance which is a grotto, decorated like an ice cavern. By the side of the main entrance, behind plate glass windows, is the machinery which accomplishes the unique results.

There will be morning sessions for learners and children, as well as those desiring to take advantage of the cheap rate of admission. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon the admission will be 25 cents, with free use of skates. The afternoon session will be from 2 to 5; admission 50 cents and free use of skates.

At the evening session, which will be from 7 until 11:30, admission 50 cents with free use of skates, and no ladies will be admitted to the session unless accompanied by male escort. No children will be admitted at either the afternoon or evening session unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

—Inspector John St. Clair has arranged a single stick tournament, to take place in the Pemberton gymnasium on Thursday afternoon. The contestants will be the champions from the different schools in the city. Mr. Clive Phillips-Wolley has kindly presented two silver medals, which are now on exhibition in Redfern's window, Government street. Mr. Wolley will also be judge in the events. The contestants are Sergeant-Major Borde and Frank Bone from North ward; Sergt. Shotbolt and Corp. Coates, Scholefield, O'Brian and Coates from Boys' Central, and Sergt.-Major Fawcett, Sergt. Donaldson and A. Boorman from South Park. There will also be a contest among seniors, for which the following have entered: Monitors Winsby and Tait and Students McKwan, Stevenson, Huxtable and Northcott.

—Paper bags and wrapping paper; wholesale price. Johnston's, Douglas street.

Speaking Of

Doctors, reminds me. Did you ever know a man when ill to be indifferent about the selection of a doctor? No sir, not much. He wanted the best that could be had.

Should be the same way with drugs—you should insist upon having the best—should insist upon having your prescriptions filled by

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JOSHUA DAVIES

AUCTIONEER,

Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

THE "GREAT STRETCHER."

Sir Charles Tupper, when speaking to an English gathering at Newcastle, made use of the expression: "In 1879, when my party came back to power." A man with some sense of decency occupying Sir Charles' office would have avoided the fact that he was so long identified with one party and striven to make it appear that his position as representative of the country had made him quite impartial. Sir Charles not only takes pride in exhibiting himself as a working member of the Conservative party, but he actually lies to the English people on behalf of that party as if he were on the stump in Canada. He has done some great "stretching" in his time, but never achieved anything more artistic in this line than his speech to the Newcastle men. Speaking of the government's tariff-framing operations Sir Charles said: "They in Canada knew that under the treaties which existed and had been made by the government of England with Belgium and Germany, it was impossible to give any direct advantage to the trade of the mother country. But in framing their policy they had great regard to the fact that certain leading articles came mainly from England, and they consequently made the duties lower on those articles." This latter sentence is a direct, positive and conscienceless piece of lying. Sir Charles, as one of the framers of the tariff, knew very well that he and his colleagues took not the slightest thought of favoring Britain when they were at the work. It is only just to say that they did not think of discriminating against Britain any more than of favoring her; all they thought of was the favoring of their special friends in Canada. It is true, however, that without making special effort to do so they did contrive to discriminate against Great Britain, and though Sir Charles Tupper may "lie till he is black in the face," he cannot successfully dispute that fact. The very figures he quoted at Newcastle, if honestly dealt with, give sufficient proof. He selects the years 1879 and 1894 for purposes of comparison. In the former year Canada's imports from Great Britain were $30,933,130 and in the latter $38,717,267, showing an increase of $7,724,137 in the fifteen years. The imports from the United States in 1879 were $43,739,219 and in 1894 they were $53,034,100, an increase of $9,294,881. In the same period Canada's exports to Great Britain increased from $36,295,718 to $68,538,856 and those of the United States increased from $27,165,501 to $35,809,940. That is to say, under the N. P. tariff the mother country, over whom the Tories gush at convenient times, is selling less to us and buying more from us in proportion, while our trade with the United States is growing the other way. Sir Charles Tupper knew all this but it suited him to represent the matter differently to the Englishmen.

Mr. Ewart, in concluding the argument on the Manitoba school case before the Privy Council, said: "Before closing I would like to say a word or two as to what we are asking. As it has been already remarked, we are not asking for any declaration as to the extent of the relief to be given by the Governor-General. We merely ask that it should be held that he has jurisdiction to hear our prayer and to grant us some relief if he thinks proper to do so." Mr. Ewart, thought counsel for the Manitoba minority, was evidently of the opinion that remedial legislation was not a necessary consequence of the Privy Council judgment.

The Colonist seems to think it is better able than the Globe itself to define the Globe's position in regard to tariff matters. It would also like to have people believe that it knows the Times' opinions better that the Times knows them. It is a pity our neighbor's peculiar abilities are not better known and appreciated, else the Liberals might be induced to employ it to do their thinking for them.

Smart Weed and Belladonna, combined with the other ingredients used in the best porous plasters, make Carter's S. W. & B. Backache Plasters the best in the market. Price 25 cents.

Good Xmas Gifts.

Razors, shaving outfits, sporting and pocekt knives, table cutlery, carving sets, all A1 goods, at Fox's, 78 Government street.

—Read Gilmore & McCandless' overcoat talk.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

Executives of the Liberal Clubs Meet To-Morrow Evening.

The executive committees of the Liberal Association and Young Men's Liberal Club will meet to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at Philharmonic Hall. Business of the utmost importance is to be considered and every member is earnestly requested to be present.

INGENIOUS BANK FRAUDS.

Swindles that Showed a Large Amount of Ingenuity.

One of the most remarkable banking swindles ever carried out was the great Vagilano case some six or seven years ago. The fraud was managed with considerable abilty by a clerk, who used his position as principal foreign correspandent in the office of a merchant and foreign banker to forge letters of advice and bills from abroad. His plan was to place the forged bills before his employer together with genuine bills, and so obtain acceptance in proper form. The ingenuity of the swindle consisted in this, that though the signatures were fraudulently obtain, they were genuine in themselves, and were duly honored by the bank. When the fraud, which involved $357,500, was eventually discovered, the accused pleaded guilty; and, after a trial lasting six days, was sentenced to penal servitude for ten years.

In another celebrated case, which created great excitement at the time, the chief cashier of a London bank so grossly abused his position as to carry on for some months a series of frauds by which he obtained from the Bank of England and appropriated to his own use, many thousands of pounds. The bank in which he was employed, like all London banks, kept an account with the Bank of England, and his procedure was to sign vouchers for large suums, which are accordingly placed to the debit of his bank in the Bank of England pass book, in which he himself wrote the figures as they ought to have appeared, being thus able to deceive the directors from day to day.

The real pass book was taken from the Bank of England by the "walk clerk" in the usual manner, but when brought to the cashier each afternoon he quickly concealed it and substituted his own sham book for the purpose of tiding over the daily investigation in the bank's parlor. The unavoidable day of reckoning came, when the auditors wrote direct to the Bank of England for a signed certificate of the amount of the cash balance, and so at once found out the discrepancy. The cashier had fled but was brought to trial and transported.

A curious case occurred not long ago in Paris, showing that, after all, the recent wonderful inventions in science are not unmixed blessings. An accomplished swindler managed to obtain a considerable sum of money, not by the risky process of putting pen to paper, but by going to the telephone exchange and ringing up a merchant, with whose affairs he had spent some time and trouble in making himself acquainted, and then counterfeiting the voice of a bank manager, who was made to urge excellent reasons why the merchant should at once attach his name to a particular bill which would come into his hands that very day. Time being precious no personal interview or correspondence interfered to spoil the well-laid plan of the rascal, who escaped with his haul and was never captured.

The manager of a branch of a large bank had it brought to his knowledge that a certain bill for $5,000 which he had discounted for a customer, Mr. B—, was in all probability, a forgery. He considered it his duty to at once call upon Mr. B—, and tell him his suspicions, thinking that, of course, the latter would wish to make arrangements for the bill to be taken from the bank and placed in the hands of the police. But to the manager's surprise, Mr. B— recommended quite a different course of action. He was afraid that if he raised the alarm he would lose his money, besides being involved in all the worry and trouble of criminal proceedings against the offender.

"No," he said, "we had better wait till the bill is due. I have heard it said that a forged bill is the best security you can hold. It is sure to be taken up."

In other words no forger of this kind of work would ever allow his handiwork to become the subject of enquiry, and would take very good care that the bill at maturity was duly paid. And so it proved in this case, for the bill, being treated as a genuine one was presented in the usual way was promptly honored, and it need not be added was the last transaction between Mr. B— and the skilful penman, who was given to understand that if any more of his paper was offered he would probably find himself treading in the footsteps of others who had come to grief in endeavoring to gain fortune by attempting to swindle the confiding banker.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Carthew is a passenger on the Rainbow, which leaves for the north this evening.

A. R. Williamson, of Douglas City, Alaska, came down on the Topeka, and is registered at the New England.

D. M. Hunter and wife, of Union, are guests at the New England.

Mrs. J. H. Senkler came down from Vancouver on Saturday on a visit.

Capt. Trethowan, of the bark John Gambles, is visiting Mr. W. J. Stephens, of 34 John street.

Major F. B. Gregory left last evening for New Brunswick, where he will spend Christmas with his family.

A. Marshall, of Davis, Marshall & McNeill, Vancouver, is registered at the Oriental.

R. Collister, inspector of hulls, was a passenger on the Islander last evening.

Capt. Garland, of North Bend, is a guest at the Oriental.

F. C. Gamble, Dominion Government engineer, came over from the Mainland last evening.

Mrs. F. W. Vincent returned last evening from a visit to the Mainland.

W. G. Mackenzie returned by the Islander from the Mainland last evening.

Pilot Ettershanks came over on the Islander last night.

F. J. Deane, of the Province, is a guest at the New England.

Mr. J. Blanchfield, Butte Inlet, is registered at the New England.

M. King returned this morning from the Sound.

Are free from all crude and irritating matter. Concentrated medicine only. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Very small; very easy to take; no pain; no griping; no purging. Try them.

An Announcement.

B. C. Furniture Company.

The Business of the Sehl-Hastie-Erskine Furniture Company, Limited, having been purchased from the mortgagees, will hereafter be conducted by the

B. C. Furniture Company.

The entire stock will be disposed of at greatly reduced prices.

Bedroom Sets from **$8.75** up.

Chairs from **40c.** up.

Special bargains in Crockery and Glassware.

JACOB SEHL, Manager.

R. J. MATTHEWS, Merchant Tailor,

101 DOUGLAS STREET,

is making a First-Class Suit to Order for $15; Good Pants to order, $3.50. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Call and inspect my goods before buying elsewhere.

Expected the Crowd

And got them—made up a nice lot of Clothes from our stock and have another consignment of Fine Serges just in.

You Can Get : : : :

Your Suit before Christmas if you order now. Wouldn't shave profits so close, but we must have money. No one can touch our prices.

J. W. CREIGHTON, Merchant Tailor,

86 Government Street.

Be Sensible

This Christmas and buy Sensible Christmas Presents.

A Gentleman appreciates nothing more than that which while it expresses kind remembrance, at the same gives comfort and a sense of luxury.

WE HAVE at considerable expense laid in a Stock of Fine.....

Suspenders, Neckwear,
Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs,
Gloves, Umbrellas, Etc.

Especially for the Christmas trade.
Before purchasing presents it would, at least, be prudent for you to see these goods. No trouble to show them, and no hard-feelings should you not buy at

Geo. R. Jackson's

75 Government Street.

CANDLE BURNING CONTEST now on. No purchase necessary to take a chance. Open to everybody—FREE.

CINDERELLAS OF ODESSA.

Working as Servants for Fifteen Months, Will Inherit Fortunes.

There are in Odessa at the present time three young Russian ladies of great wealth, who are engaged in the useful callings of selling coals, washing linen and serving on a farm, and the charbonniere, the washerwoman, and the farm servant have received and divided among them during the last few weeks 863 offers of marriage, says the Pall Mall Gazette. They have been called the cinderellas of Odessa, because their strange fate found them out in that town.

A wealthy Russian recently died at Odessa and left them a fortune of many million roubles, but on condition that each and all should take their turn at 15 months of servile labor in the conditions already specified, "to the end that, having known the life of the poor, they may rightly embrace the life of the rich." They may, if they think well, afterwards form a league of heiresses, who shall follow the same course to matriculate as millionaires. An amusing feature is the noble self-renunciation of the 863 suitors, who one and all agreed to overlook the 15 months' hard labor in consideration of the sunny years which they, the heiresses, will enjoy and share ever after. "Your experience," writes one, "will be invaluable to me. You will not only be my partner, but my charge d'Affaires."

A RATHER UNIQUE SALAD.

Grape Fruit and Lettuce With an Odd Dressing.

To make most delicious as well as healthful salad, use a good, ripe grape fruit and a crisp, fresh head of lettuce.

Wash the lettuce and let it stand in cold water until needed, then shake out the leaves and arrange them in the salad bowl. Cut the grape fruit in half and with a spoon take out all the pulp, taking care to preserve the juice. Arrange the pulp in the lettuce leaves, and make adressing of oil and the juice. To every three tablespoonfuls of this oil allow half a teaspoonful of salt, and a quarter teaspoonful of pepper. Put all these ingredients in a bowl and dissolve the salt and pepper in the oil, then rub the spoon with a dose of garlic and stir it in the juice of the fruit until emulsion is formed. Pour it over the lettuce and pulp and serve at once. About one teaspoonful of juice should be sufficient for three of oil, but it is not possible to lay down any exact rule. Vigorous stirring is essential, and as soon as a whitish compound is formed the dressing is ready for use.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Small advertisements, set like this paragraph, received up to 4 p.m. each day. Larger ads. must be sent in earlier. "Changes" for standing ads. received up to 11 a.m.

Just Arrived

Wonderful Coal Air-Tight Heaters

—AND—

Hard Coal Base Burners.

Wood Air-Tight Heaters in 5 Sizes

—AT—

PERRY & TURNER'S,

42 Johnson Street.

A Slipper Ad.

YOU MAY be thinking of presenting someone with a pair of Slippers at Christmas. Will this list help you to decide.

GENTLEMANS', IN
PATENT LEATHER,
BLACK LEATHER,
TAN LEATHER,
PLUSH, different colors, embroidered.

LADIES' IN
SATIN, all colors, beautifully embroidered with steel bead work and plain.
BATH SLIPPERS, very convenient and comfortable.
HOUSE SLIPPERS, assorted colors worsted.
WOOLLEN CROCHET SLIPPERS, many beautiful colors, very cosy.

The Prices of Ladies' and Misses' Black Cloth Leggings and Children's Tan Leggings have been carved down low—from 25 to 50 per cent.

A. B. Erskine,

Corner Government & Johnson Sts.

CLARKE & PEARSON,

17 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

—Manufacturers Of—

THE WONDERFUL AIR-TIGHT HEATERS!

CAST IRON Air-Tight Heaters having invariably proved a failure. Our Heaters have no cast iron in their construction, are thoroughly air-tight and remain so. NO SOOT, DIRT OR DUST. Clean, Effective, Durable and Economic.

Whisky and Wine.

WATSON'S THREE STAR GLENLEVIT.

Is the Favorite Scotch Whisky, to be had at all First Class Refreshment Places.

PRELLER (Bordeaux), CLARETS and SAUTERNES.

A large shipment just received. The duty is less. The price is lower.

PITHER & LEISER, VICTORIA, B. C.

Open All Night.

BOWES, THE DRUGGIST,

100 Government Street. Tel. 425.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Coal hods at Cheapside. *

—A letter awaits "X" at the Times office.

—Buy genuine Pennsylvania anthracite of Spratt & Macaulay. Sole agents. *

—The "beautiful snow" suggests Tom and Jerry. Call in at the Pritchard and have one. *

—A really beautiful assortment of plated ware at Weiler Bros. Exquisite designs and best quality. *

—On account of the weather there will be no social at Daughters of England hall, View street, to-morrow evening, Tuesday 17th.

—There will be an open meeting of Pride of the Ridge lodge, I. O. G. T., in the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, to-night. There will be a limelight exhibition, also vocal and instrumental selections.

—Sam Gorton, against whom a charge of indecent exposure was laid, was this morning fined $50 and three months in jail and an additional six months if the fine is not paid. Gorton was given an opportunity to prove an alibi but failed.

—Isaac Roberts was in the police court this morning charged with using grossly insulting language. The complainant did not appear, so the case was dismissed, but the magistrate promised to send Roberts to jail for six months next time he came up.

—The juvenile opera company will be under the distinguished patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and family, the mayor and wife and many of the charitable associations of the city in their performance for the Orphans' Home on Thursday evening, December 19, and Saturday afternoon.

—Notwithstanding weather disadvantages the Metropolitan Methodist church was well filled with a congregation of between 1600 and 1700 people last evening. The pastor's opening discourse on "Elijah" was unusually interesting, although it was only introductory. The prophet was left at Brook Kedron till next Sunday evening.

—A series of ploughing matches took place on Saturday at Mr. John's farm at Saanich. Messrs. Watson Clark, Geo. Walker and M. Humber acted as judges and gave general satisfaction. Andrew Monro won the free-for-all, with W. H. Snider second and Alexander Rose third. Special prizes were awarded Mr. Snider for the best commencement and Mr. Monro for the best finish. Mr. Turgoose took first prize in the amateur match and Mr. McDonald second. Master McIlmoyle won the boys' match and Master Hall took the second prize.

—That window dressing is an art all will admit; that Mr. W. M. Dean, of the firm of Dean & Hiscocks, is master of that art is evidenced by an inspection of their show windows at the corner of Broad and Yates streets. An artistically arranged assortment of Xmas novelties, in dainty and exquisite wrappings is tastefully placed on a background of moss and ivy. At night clusters of tiny vari-colored electric lights shed a soft radiance over the pleasing picture. The display is the subject of many complimentary remarks.

—Thomas Graham, the Douglas street clothier, was held up on Saturday night at his own gate on a little side street leading from the Saanich hotel. Two men commanded him to throw up his hands, but before he could respond he was struck with a blunt instrument and rendered unconscious. Luckily Mr. Graham had no money or valuables with him. The highwaymen must have been well posted regarding Mr. Graham's habits. They evidently knew he had no safe in the store, and thought it probable that he would have the day's receipts with him.

—Dr. A. M. Burns, of Seattle, lectured on "Psychology" at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday, and by special request he lectured again yesterday afternoon. At the latter meeting the main hall, parlor, reception hall and passages were crowded with men and ladies who paid attention to the learned lecturer for nearly an hour while he, in a most forcible and convincing manner, opened up the great subject of the psychical man as distinguished from the organic animal or chemically formed man. The lecturer said his object was simply to demonstrate the fact that the soul or psychic man was not, and did not come from matter. Having demonstrated this, he left his subject in the hands of the theologians to take up the thread where he left it. Dr. Burns won a warm place in the hearts of Victorians while here and will always find an open door to welcome him should he ever favor the city with another visit.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

INQUEST CONTINUED

Evidence of Dr. Lang, Who Held a Partial Post-Mortem Examination.

Neighbors Who Attended the Girl Tell What They Know of the Case.

Coroner Crompton to-day continued the inquiry into the death of Mary Helen Janes. The court room was cleared of spectators. Deputy-Attorney Smith took part in the proceedings, instructing Chief Sheppard, who conducted the examination of witnesses.

Mrs. Wollenstine, of 21 Green street, deposed to having been one of four married women in attendance during the last two days of Miss Janes' illness. During all that time Creech never left the room for five minutes, either night or day, affording no opportunity for any private conversation. He was no relative, but had been the girl's affianced husband for between four and five years. His persistence in remaining with the sick girl, all the women present considered improper and he was in fact repeatedly asked to go out. During all the years she had known Miss Janes she had never seen her in the company of any man other than Creech—in fact when women friends asked her to go anywhere her reply was invariably that she would have to ask Harry. As to the nature of her illness the married women in attendance at the bedside all came to the same conclusion—that if the girl was not a wife she should have been.

Mrs. Hy. Castleton saw the deceased on Wednesday morning. She seemed to be unconscious and did not recognize witness. Creech was in the house most of the day. Miss Janes had been engaged to Creech for nearly four years. Witness never saw her in company with any other man. Deceased was well thought of by the neighbors.

Mrs. Janes, mother of deceased, recalled, testified that Creech told her deceased was sick and he took her to the doctor's. He said he was going to take her to Dr. Frank Hall's. When they came back from the doctor's deceased told her that the doctor said she had been running the sewing machine too much. She had no suspicion that anything was wrong until she attended the inquest. When the doctors came to the house they gave directions to both witness and Creech. She did not send Creech away from the house on Saturday night, when she saw him on the bed with deceased, because she was alone, her daughter was very ill and she thought she could trust him. Her daughter had never gone with anybody else, and she had now come to the conclusion that Creech was the guilty man. When Creech said other men had gone with her he said what was untrue. Creech had been constant in his attentions during the last three months. She did not know there was such a man as Dr. Garrow. Her daughter would never have gone to him if she had not been taken, as she did not know of such a man.

Dr. John Lang, who conducted a partial post mortem examination, deposed that there was an entire absence of anything that would cause a natural miscarriage.

The prescription given Miss Janes by Dr. Garrow was produced. Dr. Lang said the drug, ergotine, was used to prevent hemorrhage. The drug would not be used by any judicious practitioner if he knew pregnancy to be present. He never heard of the drug being used for bilious vomiting, or vomiting of any kind.

To Mr. Smith.—The drug is one well known as one used for abortion purposes.

To the coroner.—The instructions, "one pill every five or six hours as required," are very indefinite and inadequate. It is only justifiable to bring on abortion to save the life of the mother, as in case of persistent vomiting or hemorrhage. When an operation was necessary it should be done in consultation, either at the patient's home or at the hospital. He would not undertake such an operation without first consulting the husband or friends of the woman. With due care the operation is a safe one, otherwise it is a highly dangerous proceeding. He could not decide whether the operation was necessary from a result of two visits made to his office by the patient.

At this point the inquest was adjourned until 2:30.

The druggist who prepared the prescription given by Dr. Garrow to Miss Janes, was called and identified the order. Then Henry Creech was recalled and underwent a severe cross-examination at the hands of Deputy Attorney-General Smith. He stuck pretty well to his original story.

—Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney will open the first exhibition of the Art Union of British Columbia at 8:30 this evening. The admission fee for this evening is 50 cents, and for the remainder of the week the fee will be 25 cents.

—The funeral of the late Mary Ellen Janes took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 13 Green street, and later from St. Barnabas church.

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TUPPER THE ELDER

The High Commissioner Leaves His Post to Do a Little Wire Pulling.

Wants Tupper the Younger Made Leader—Leaders on School Question.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The presence of Sir Charles Tupper, the elder, in the political arena in Canada, will add another faction to those already existing in the cabinet. The high commissioner comes here ostensibly for the purpose of talking over with the government the fast Atlantic mail service and the Pacific cable. He expressed a desire to do this himself, having some private business to transact at the same time. The premier agreed to it, hence it has been officially stated that Sir Charles comes here at the request of Sir Mackenzie Bowell to discuss both these matters. No sooner was it settled that Sir Charles was coming than his friends commenced to whisper that he was going to take a hand in the general elections and probably enter the cabinet. This was promptly and emphatically denied by the premier, but still the Tupper organs maintained that his mission was a political one. One of them had it that the high commissioner had even arranged to address a meeting in favor of Sir William Hingston in Montreal Centre. This, too, was denied by Sir Mackenzie Bowell. However, the presence of the high commissioner here means trouble for Sir Mackenzie, no matter whether the former takes any open part in Canadian politics or not.

In the first place the high commissioner could not enter the cabinet here while his son was a member of the ministry. The father has no desire to replace the son. On the contrary, it is the desire of the elder Tupper to further the political interests of the younger and he will take every means while here to do so. This is where the trouble will arise for Sir Mackenzie Bowell. The high commissioner, for instance, is of the opinion that Sir Hibbert should be premier and Sir Hibbert entertains the same idea. The latter, however, thinks that his best chances of success lies in the government being defeated at the next general elections. He expects that his fighting propensities will enable him to come out of the wreck safely, and that he will have a chance of being made leader in the opposition as Bowell, Foster, Haggart and Montague will have no use for an office to which no salary is attached. On the other hand the high commissioner believes that Sir Mackenzie Bowell should give place to Sir Hibbert, and so the fight will go merrily on once the old man reaches Canadian soil.

The general opinion is that Sir Charles Tupper comes for the general elections, but, despite past events which would go to justify this, there are excellent grounds for believing that he will take no part in the coming contest. The reason for this is partly given in the attitude which he now bears toward the administration. He is opposed to Bowell and has been from the beginning. He is in favor of his son but would take Haggart or Foster, yes even Montague, in preference to Bowell as leader. So he will not enter the campaign for the Bowell government. At any rate that is the opinion in the inner circles.

Should it be decided otherwise the Liberals will have no cause to complain. Sir Charles is a back number in Canadian politics. True enough he did considerable good to his party at the last general elections, especially in the Maritime provinces, where he scattered around orders-in-council and other pledges for public works, etc., in return for the votes of the people. Well, he got the votes but some of the pledges he made are not yet fulfilled. The odium which he heaped upon himself in regard to his bitter attacks on the Grand Trunk railway is yet fresh in the minds of the people. The bridge which he was going to build at Quebec over the St. Lawrence in return for the support of the electorate there is still unbuilt. The tunnel scheme between Prince Edward Island and the mainland is in about the same position as it was in 1891, when the high commissioner was holding it out as an inducement for votes in the Maritime provinces. These are but a few of the bigger bribes which were being offered in the last general election for political support. Tupper on the stump in Canada would do more to injure the government than anything else.

No matter what the result in North Ontario and Cardwell the position of the government is shown to be a precarious one. In North Ontario the candidate of the government, who was a strong opponent of separate schools up to the the school question impaled to either side. In Cardwell the candidate was pledged against the remedial order and on the official nomination day agreed to give some measure or relief to the Manitoba Roman Catholics. In North Ontario Hon. John Costigan asked the Roman Catholics to vote for McGillivray because he would do justice to the minority in Manitoba, and Controller Clarke Wallace asked for the votes of the Orangemen because Mr. McGillivray was one of themselves and would stand by same thing was done in Cardwell.

While this was going on there the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier was speaking in the counties of Ottawa in Quebec and Prescott in Ontario. Along with him was Mr. Tarte. Here is what the Liberal leader had to say on the school question to his French audience in Prescott county: "If justice is to be done to the minority I shall do it, not by coercion, but by appealing to the majority of my fellow countrymen. For my attitude on this question I have been called a traitor by the ministerial press of Quebec. There are some insults that are an honor to a man. What I say is this: Let us investigate the case. Let us appeal to the people of Manitoba to investigate that case with us, and let us determine to do justice to whom it is found to be due. It is not so much a question of separate schools as a question of provincial rights. There is a repugnancy to the central government coercing a province, and that repugnancy will not be overcome except by an investigation showing a substantial injustice. Is there a man in this audience who objects to that course? (Cries of 'Not one,' and cheers.) In the course of his further remarks Mr. Laurier said that the mandate of the present parliament expired on April 25th, and the government dreaded the day when they would have to come before their masters and, if they had the power, would postpone this day of judgment until they heard the trumpet of Gabriel sound."

Mr. Tarte, who followed, said, among other things: "They reproach me with my connection with the Temiscouata railway. A few years ago I sold my rights in the charter, as I was perfectly at liberty to do, in my capacity as a man of business and a citizen in private life. If this was a crime, of what sort of crime have ministers of the crown been guilty who have benefited by that charter? There was one federal minister who was never financially interested in that enterprise, who got over $9000 out of it. If I cannot prove it I will give up my seat in the house of commons. Let them ask for an inquiry; I have the proof of what I say in black and white. That minister got the money not from me, but after all it was my money." After alluding to the McGreevy-Langevin scandal Mr. Tarte asserted that Mr. Thomas McGreevy was released from jail because he threatened to give compromising papers he had in his possession into the hands of the enemies of the government. The government at Ottawa was then in the hands of thieves, and to-day it is also in the hands of thieves. Thomas McGreevy was to-day a member of the house of commons. The government supported him in his election, and he was introduced in the house of commons by two ministerial whips. The school question was also discussed by Mr. Tarte. He described it as a very simple question in the beginning, which had been made difficult by the course of the government, whom he accused of keeping the question before the country to achieve party ends. He pointed to Mr. Costigan and Mr. Clarke Wallace stumping North Ontario together for the same candidate, who was wanted at a session called for the express purpose of taking action in this matter. Mr. Tarte went on as follows: "If we Catholics are going to appeal to Catholic passions and our Protestant friends to Protestant passions what is going to happen? Are we going to fight each other? Both sides are here to stay, and why should we make fools of ourselves by quarrelling? The government's policy is opposed to the peace and harmony of the country. They want to take Manitoba by the throat. I stand here to-day to say that I am opposed to taking Manitoba by the throat. There are other ways of settling the question. We have only to appeal to the good sense of all parties. If we had a strong government the question would have been settled long ago, but the present government did not go the right way about it. Suppose the Dominion parliament should adopt remedial legislation, and suppose Manitoba refuses to obey, as we know she will refuse—what is going to happen, I ask again? Are we going to send troops to force Manitoba to obey? I do not wish that. We have had already two rebellions there. For the peace of Canada the people should put a strong statesman at the head of affairs in this country."

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"They start farming there with an average capital of about $800 per family, whilst two of those families had a capital of $2,000 each. A delegation of three farmers, representing several families and an aggregate capital of about $20,000, from Vermont, accompanied me during my last trip to Alberta, for the purpose of prospecting the land, in which, if it proved suitable, they were authorized to make selection of the homesteads. This was done and the necessary entries made, as required by the Dominion lands act.

"That the delegates were thoroughly satisfied with the new country is clearly proven by the following letter of Mr. J. H. Hill, one of the said delegates:

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"Dear Sir: I wish to express my views with regard to this district.

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"ZILBERT H. HILLS."

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CHEVALIER AS AN AUTHOR.

The Peculiar Career of the Composer of Coster Lyrics.

Albert Chevalier has written a book At least he has done a good part of it, other parts being provided by his friend, Brian Daly. The book is just out in London and some of it has come this way.

And who is Albert Chevalier. Well, he is the famous man who writes and sings songs in London music halls. He wrote about 40 of the 50 which make up his repertory, and you have heard Fritz Williams sing a few of them, if you have been fortunate, and other people attempt them, if you have not. Some of them are very pathetic in character and beautiful in sentiment, but worded after the manner of the conversation of the "coster" of London, the most extravagant example of cockneyism that you can imagine. Mr. Chevalier is known to many Americans, and his songs to more, and he is, with Cissy Loftus and a few others, one of the excellent and admirable products, or rather features, of London's most cosmopolitan places of amusement. The serious and good effect which some of his coster ballads produce is evidenced by a letter from a clergyman which is printed in his book. The writer said:

"'My Old Dutch,' is beyond criticism; but I may tell you, perhaps, without too much egotism, that I ventured to quote you a few Sundays ago as one of those with a 'special grace of God' to awaken in hearts we parsons cannot reach, appreciation of a faithful woman's comradeship in the hard battle of life."

Chevalier's father was French master at the Kensington Grammar school. He claims origin from three races—the Gallic, the Welsh and the Hibernian—and to this origin Mr. Daly attributes the secret of Chevalier's "mimetic power, plaintive minstrelsy and natural humor." Chevalier, in 1877, made his first professional appearance at the Prince of Wales theatre, under Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft in "An Unequal Match." He was then known by the name of "Knight." A little later he was with Mr. John Hare at the Court theatre. He was 18, and once took part at a benefit performance at the Gaiety, concerning which he tells an amusing story. There were only Mr. and Mrs. Kendal and himself in the cast, and his cue entirely slipped his memory; and, seeing Irving, Bancroft, David Jones, Miss Terry and other celebrities looking on, he got so nervous that he could not utter a word.

At that moment a tremendous round of applause from the audience startled me, reassured me, and after it subsided I got along capitally, and went off. My mind was a little uneasy as to the Kendals' opinion of my performance, so I did not wait to see them, but went home. At night I met Mrs. Kendal, who spoke very well of my effort. Mr. Kendall, coming up at the moment, said:

"You were a bit uncertain of your lines, though; in fact, upon one occasion you stopped dead."

"Yes," said I, "didn't you hear the round of applause I got?"

He laughed.

"Oh, you mean when the Prince of Wales entered the theatre."

In February, 1891, Chevalier made his bow as a music hall performer at the Pavilon music hall, and his success as an impersonator of coster life was assured from the first. Mr. John Hollingshead offered him £100 a week to play in a new drama, and the promoters of "Morocco Bound" at the Shaftsbury hall tried hard to get him for £100 a week to sing between the acts.

This was after a funny experience he had at Northampton on a bank holiday. He says:

"Only one person paid for admission. As it was holiday time we could not find anyone to fix up our footlights. The hall keeper took compassion on us, told us not to worry, and promised it would be 'all right at night.' When we returned half an hour before opening time, we found he had kept his word. In the absence of gas he had arranged a row of very tall candles where the footlights should have been. There was no mistaking how our light was produced, as the candles towered above the reflectors. We opened the doors and let in the solitary audience. We took him on one side, talked to him kindly, returned his shilling and went home."

Chevalier went back there several years later and turned many away; but the man who kept the hall and who recognized him in the morning and remembered his earlier experience put in a bid of $50 for the receipts as a little speculation.

Some idea of how Mr. Chevalier composed his songs, may be obtained from the following:

"One day, while staying at Brighton, I was just fooling about on the piano, and somehow struck on the melody of "The Future Mrs. 'Awkins." G. W. Hunter, who was present, suggested that it would make a capital song, and "'Liza' was the result. "The Nasty Way He Sez It" and "Yer Can't 'elp Likin 'im" were written on the backs of old envelopes as I was riding home after an evening at the Green Room club.

"Knock'd 'em in the Old Kent Road" happened in this way: One Sunday I was in my bedroom shaving, my brother Auguste being downstairs at the piano. All at once he struck into the melody and the idea of its making a capital song at once occurred to me. I rushed downstairs to him. 'What tune's that?' I asked. 'Oh, a little dance of mine,' he replied. Then he played it again. All I can say is that I never left the house until 'Wot Cher' was written.

Once he was singing in Islington.

Presently the chairman announces Chevalier's name, and one of the men alluded to remarks to his companion. "Wonder Chevalier don't retire, I s'pose he's a millionaire pretty nearly by this time." The other shrugs his shoulders. "Well," he replies, "I reckon 'e's got a bit; but, they're all alike. Easy come an' easy go." Having vented his opinions on artists' improvidences, he changed the subject and asked, 'What do you think of him?' His companion hesitated a moment, and as he listened to the refrain of "The Nipper's Lullaby," which the comedian was at the moment singing, and then answered, "Oh, 'e's orlright, when he don't sing through 'is nassals!"

Chevalier says that one evening a gentleman of 60 or 70 years of age called to see him at the Pavilion, as he came to the stage, made up as an old laborer.

"He had come to know if I would sing at a concert he was organizing. We sat talking for some minutes, and I could not help noticing that he treated me as a man of at least his own age, if not his senior; he was not connected with the theatrical profession, and, consequently, knowing very little about the art of making up. Suddenly, remembering an appointment, I tore my wig off, and rubbed out the painted wrinkles. His face changed also, as in tones I shall never forget, I heard him murmur, 'I wish I could do that.'"

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SS. "MOUNT LEBANON," capacity about 4,000 tons, due about 5th Dec., will proceed to Honolulu.

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TIME TABLE NO. 27.

Taking effect June 21st, 1895.

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Victoria to Vancouver daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock.

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Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 23 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. (Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going east Monday).

For Plumper Pass Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands Friday at 7 o'clock.

Leave New Westminster for Victoria, Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender Island and Moresby Island Thursday at 7 o'clock.

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Steamships of this Co. will leave for Pt. Simpson and intermediate ports via Vancouver the first and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock p.m. When sufficient inducements offer will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

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JOHN IRVING, Manager.

G. A. CARLETON, General Agent.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 25.

To Take Effect at 8:00 a. m. on Monday, October 28th, 1895.

Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat'dy
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	A. M. 3.00	P. M. 3 20
Ar. Nanaimo	11.40	6.38
Ar. Wellington	12.00	6.55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'dy
	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8.20	3 20
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8.40	3.43
Ar. Victoria	12.20	7 00

For rates and information apply at the Company's offices.

A. DUNSMUIR, President. JOSEPH HUNTER, Gen. Supt.

H. K. PRIOR, Gen. Freight and Passenger Agent.

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Lv. Comox for Nanaimo....Friday, 7 a.m.
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WEDNESDAYS—Same as Monday.

THURSDAYS.—Leaves Sidney on arrival of morning train, for Nanaimo via Ganges Harbor and way ports.

FRIDAYS.—Leaves Nanaimo at 7.00 a.m. for Sidney and way ports, connecting with evening train for Victoria.

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4 45 am	Ar	110	..*Tacoma..	341	Lv	8 00 am

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

KAMLOOPS.

Inland Sentinel.

G. C. Tunstall, government agent and gold commissioner, received from T. Rabbitt, by last stage, some good specimens of ore found on the Tulameen, near Mr. Rabbitt's house. Samples are sent from four mineral claims. The Silverin ore is galena and gray copper in quartz; the Victoria runs high in copper with some gold; the Silver Glance is quartz, free milling at the surface, running about $20 in gold; and the Nevada is of much the same nature. The mineral body on these claims are from four to five feet in thickness, with stringers of asbestos of very good quality. Mr. Tunstall will send the samples to the mining bureau at Victoria.

Andrew Clar, who represents Montreal parties in dealings regarding some British Columbia mining properties, came in on Sunday night, coming direct from Lillooet, where he spent some weeks, but most of the summer he was in Cariboo. About thirty men, he says, are working on the Bonanza quartz claim under a Mr. Hughes, foreman for the Fraser River, Lillooet & Cariboo Gold Fields. Of late, in tunnelling, the men were passing through rick impregnated with some substance which covered the men's clothing with blackness. On the Enterprise, a placer property, a pump has been got to keep water out of the shaft that had been sunk to reach bed rock, and since it has been working, no difficulty was experienced with water and the company expects very soon to have sufficient work done to show what is in the claim and to get returns. It was Mr. Clark when sent Scott and Gott in 1894 to Tete Jeune cache, where they staked mica locations. He intended to have work done on these this summer, but after changed his mind and instead paid the required sum to the government and holds the claims over. Mr. Clark, who left for Montreal this week, is endeavoring to have the property developed in a permanent way.

McPHERSONS.

(From our own correspondent.)

McPherson's, Dec. 14.—The chopping contest for the championship of Cowichan took place amid pouring rain. The attendance was not very large on account of the weather. The chopping took place on the farm of John Macpherson at 11 a.m. J. J. Mahony, chairman of committee, read the rules governing the contest and introduced the following gentlemen who conducted the contest: Judges: T. Colvin, A. Robertson; referee, John Macpherson; time-keepers, L. Anderson and J. J. Mahony; clerk, E. Miller. The following men competed:

Total time for 19-inch cut:

	Min.	Sec.
Wm. Mearns	14	12
M. Allard	11	40
R. G. Ryan	16	
J. Humphreys	11	48
T. Humphreys	14	36
R. Mearns	11	03

Mr. R. Mearns won the gold medal, M. Allard the silver medal, and J. Humphreys the third prize, a steel axe. All the contestants were satisfied at the result, and all who contended declared it was a well conducted contest.

A FRUIT EXCHANGE.

An Organization to Handle British Columbia Fruits.

The committee of the Fruit Growers' Association met at Vancouver on Friday and agreed upon a recommendation to the association as to the formation of a general co-operative organization of the fruit growers of the province, such association to be known as the British Columbia Fruit Exchange. The purpose of this association is to be the marketing of the fruit of the province and such other products of farm and garden as may be deemed desirable; to have power to operate fruit and vegetable canneries, cider mills, and evaporating and preserving plants; to collect and distribute information in reference to the growing and preserving of fruit; to establish uniform methods of producing and disposing of fruit; to open and develop new markets; to act as financial agent for local associations; to secure better and cheaper transportation facilities, and to purchase supplies for local growers.

The committee hope to be in a position to make full reports and recommendations at the annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' association to be held at New Westminster on the 29th of January, 1896.

THE FIRE CHIEF.

To the Editor: The letter signed G. Campbell in last Saturday's issue states that I missed a number of fires. I challenge the writer to prove that, at any time, when the department was called out, I was not on duty. If Mr. G. Campbell cannot prove his assertions no person can wonder at the means used to secure names to a petition. Now, Mr. Editor, permit me to ask: "Who is George Campbell?" No person of that name owns property in Victoria. He is not on the voters' list for householders. I am employed to care for the property of our citizens, and until Mr. G. Campbell proves that I am responsible for the safety of his property the silly letters will be treated with the contempt they deserve. Life is too short to worry over the insults of those who attack public officials on every pretext. When I was young, the following maxim commended itself and aptly fits the present case: "Don't worry. Let the other fellow do all the worrying. If you follow this advice strictly the chances are he will find some worrying to do." Next. THOMAS DEASY.

—When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Terr., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future. 75 cent bottles for sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver. *

—Haughton & Co. are showing a fine line of dolls. *

A VERNON MEETING

The Subject of Claim Jumping is Discussed and a Resolution Adopted.

Several Gentlemen Express Their Views—The Condition of the Law.

The Vernon News of last week gives the following report:

Pursuant to notice given by the handbills, a fairly large number assembled in Cameron's Hall on Tuesday evening, the object of the meeting being to protest against the recent claim-jumping which took place on the BX ranch, and which has since become a subject of newspaper comment over the entire province. Mayor Martin was voted to the chair and with him on the platform was Mr. J. W. Simmons, who had taken an active part in the calling of the meeting and arranging the details connected therewith. The chairman briefly stated in his opening remarks the object of the meeting, which had been convened to afford prospectors and miners opportunity to discuss the mining act, with the intention of effecting some change which would secure the prospector from unscrupulous individuals who might take advantage of technical points to rob him of the fruits of his toil. He wished it to be distinctly understood that the meeting had no political significance whatever. It would be unfair, he believed, to condemn the provincial government on account of the recent unpleasant jumping episode, as he felt certain a great deal of trouble had been taken to give the province good mining laws, and any change which would further protect the miner, he thought, would be cheerfully made by the government if the matter were properly laid before the legislature. He suggested a petition as the best course to be followed. He called upon Mr. McIlvanie, of Lumby, to address the meeting.

Mr. McIlvanie spoke at some length of the great necessity of fostering the mining spirit in our district. Our very bread and butter depended upon it, as the question of markets for our farmers would then be solved. He believed there was plenty of gold to be found in this section and we should give the miner every facility to pursue his calling. Mines near the city meant prosperity to all. It was wrong for a poor man to take another's claim; and the wrong was made more flagrant when the jumper happened to be a rich man. He was glad to notice that the Colonist, a government paper, had denounced jumpers in very vigorous terms, and felt sure that the government would give the matter very earnest consideration. He then read the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Leo Simmons:

"Resolved, That this representative meeting of the citizens, miners and residents of this district view with alarm the extent to which mineral claim jumping has been carried on and consider it inimical to the interests and future prosperity, not only of the Okanagan district, but of the mining industry throughout the province, and that if allowed to continue it will retard the development of the mines and prevent capital being brought into the country, owing to the insecurity of the title to the claims and the probability of their being tied up in litigation:

"We therefore request the government to immediately take the necessary steps to prevent claim jumping, which can be done by exercising their prerogative in instructing the recording officials not to allow a second record without the fullest investigation."

The chairman put the resolution to the meeting, stating at the same time that he thought it would be more to the point to ask for an amendment to this act. It was carried, however, without a dissenting voice.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock, who was present, was next called to the platform, and thus made his first public appearance before a Vernon audience. We regret that our space permits us to give only a very bare report of his and the other speeches, and only an outline of their remarks can be given.

Mr. Bostock said that the matter of claim-jumping had been brought to his notice in various parts of the province, and when recently at Rossland he had seen the evils of it made very apparent. It was an extremely serious matter in a country like this, and every possible effort should be made to discountenance it. He wished to emphatically repeat the chairman's assurance that no political move was contemplated in calling this meeting. Apart from his position as a candidate for the Dominion parliament, he took a deep interest in all that affected the welfare of the country, and had no ulterior motive in appearing on this occasion. He thought that every person in the district should take a lively interest in this question and hoped that pressure would be brought to bear on the government to remedy the evil. He thanked the meeting for giving him so attentive a hearing and would give place to practical miners whom he hoped would express their opinions on the matter under consideration.

Mr. W. J. Armstrong was loudly called for but refused to respond, and the chairman then asked Mr. Price Ellison to speak. Mr. Ellison briefly said that the meeting had his hearty sympathy, and he felt sure that the government would do all in its power to meet the wishes of the miners on this matter. He knew that the act had been prepared with great care and after long consultation with the most experienced miners in the country, and was certain that it was the desire of the government to afford every facility to prospectors in following their calling.

Mr. J. W. Simmons next addressed the meeting, and spoke fluently and at some length on the subject, vigorously denouncing claim-jumping as an unmitigated evil. Though he had no personal interest in the claims involved he was deeply interested in anything that affected the country. He spoke strongly against an example set by an M. P. in the matter which could not but have a bad effect. The eyes of the world's capital was being turned on this district and nothing could retard progress more than allowing claim-jumpers to wrest from the hardy pioneer prospectors their hard-earned rights. The country was destined to become a great agricultural, mining and manufacturing district, despite the fact that the "Rip Van Winkles" who had lived here for years had tramped over rich mineral ledges without discovering them. The people should fight the government on this question, and one great hope for the miners lay in the fact that our judges were men of integrity and ability who would seek to interpret the law according to its spirit and intent rather than its letter. He urged all to do their level best to put down this crying evil.

Mr. J. A. McKelvie was next called upon, and said he was thoroughly in accord with the spirit of the meeting, but would not take up time as he desired to hear some practical miner give his views. He did not believe, with the last speaker, that any necessity existed for fighting the government, which would, he thought, be glad to receive and entertain any suggestions offered.

Mr. Duncan Wood was the last speaker, and it is to be regretted that he did not let himself loose at greater length, for he evidently had some firmly fixed ideas as to the mineral act. He refered to the difficulty which confronted a poor prospector in securing bonds, and thought the best solution would be to revert to the act of 1891, which he considered very satisfactory to the miners.

The chairman repeatedly called for other speakers, but none being forthcoming, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NATIONAL POLICY.

To the Editor:—In dealing with this serious question the average citizen has much difficulty in passing judgment and forming an opinion for himself.

It would appear that this subject as far as Canada is concerned could easily be decided by a dispassionate consideration of the following questions:

1. Does our protective tariff in so far as it protects Canadian industries create revenue, or has it the reverse effect by prohibiting importation?

2. Has it after its long trial so stimulated Canadian industries as to enable us to buy home made goods as cheaply as similar English or foreign articles could be delivered in Canada if free trade was adopted as our policy?

It is conceded that a very large revenue must be raised by Canada, and if our tariff policy is protecting our manufacturers, it would follow that the revenue derived from duties must come in very great part from goods which we do not produce or manufacture. If this is correct it would also follow as a natural consequence that a tariff for revenue only would be possible, although it would mean the closing of those industries which are only able to exist under a policy of compulsory assessment of the consumer. Those manufactures which can be operated without protection will be a benefit to the country, while it will be impossible for them, by the formation of trusts, to make those unfair profits which now constitute an additional tax of which the enormous amount can hardly be estimated.

Our manufacturers aim only or mainly to manufacture in Canada for Canada and not for export, and therefore the entire cost of governing and developing our country is a direct charge borne solely by the natural products of the Dominion. Manufacturers who do not export pay none of it.

In other words the farmer, fisherman, miner and lumberman pay the entire bill, and if any manufactured article costs these producers more than it can be imported for without protection, it is a burden imposed in excess of the actual requirements of the country, which latter they must of course pay for.

This may be put in another way by saying that the money paid to our manufacturers in excess of what similar goods can be imported for is taken directly from the pockets of our farmers, etc., etc., and is a tax on them over and above the actual requirements of the country.

Our wheat and other staple products have to seek a foreign market in competition with the rest of the world, as have also our fish, lumber, coal and other mineral products, and any burden unfairly imposed on the production of these commodities must seriously retard the development of our country.

It would seem that the first step in building up a nation should be to have a population prosperous and increasing in those classes who actually produce, manufactures would follow as required and justified.

Has Canada a large and prosperous population of producers? and does the growth of our rural and producing population show that those from whom only national wealth can come are satisfied with the National Policy?

Our almost stationary population as shown by the census returns, our mortgaged farms, idle sawmills and the exodus of the youth and promise of our nation would seem to answer more eloquently than words, "the N. P. has been tried and found wanting." CANADA.

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The Steamer Alice Blanchard to be Systematically Crowded Out of Business.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The traffic war between the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, Goodall, Perkins & Co. and the Southern Pacific Company has assumed a new phase, which by many is considered the beginning of the end. On Thursday next, the steamer Alice Blanchard, of the North Pacific Steamship Company, will leave for Astoria and Portland. On the same date the steamer Scotia will sail for the same ports. The Alice Blanchard was the cause of the split between the two big corporations, the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. The Alice Blanchard was put on several months ago in opposition to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, under which name the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company's boats were operated. The newcomer was regarded as a tramp, and for some time no attention was paid to her. It was found, however, that she was eating into the profits of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. She could not compare with the Oregon, Columbia, or State of California, either in freight or passenger accommodations or in point of speed. Thus handicapped it was necessary to cut under the regular rates to catch the trade. Freight was carried for $1 per ton, figured by either weight or measurement. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company started to fight the opposition with its own fire. They made two trips to the Blanchard's one, and whenever the latter was to sail, rates on the regular line of steamers were scaled to meet the cut. Accordingly, every five days cheap rate steamers sailed for Portland. The Southern Pacific found its business was being injured through the fight of the O. R. & N. against the opposition, and they also became a factor in the fight. As is known, the Puget Sound steamers were ultimately forced into the fight.

The rates of the Scotia have not yet been announced, nor has it been stated who her agents are. It is understood that a very low rate for passengers and freight will prevail. That the steamer has been chartered by the O. R. & N. Co. or the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. there is little doubt, for it is street talk that the Scotia will run side by side with the Alice Blanchard, loading when she does and sailing at the same time. In additon to the Columbia river ports she will also call at Humboldt and Coos bay. With the Alice Blanchard choked off in this manner, it is assured that the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific Companies can settle their differences without much trouble. Before this can be done it will be found that there is another boat to be considered. The North Pacific Company is negotiating for another steamer, on which it is understood a deposit has been paid. This steamer is understood to be the Empire.

The rate war between the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company has resulted in reductions in freights applying in Eastern Washington. The Northern Pacific, in connection with the Central Washington, has been advised that, owing to excessive ocean competition, the Southern Pacific has been obliged to reduce rates between San Francisco and Portland, with exceptions as follows: Class rates in cents per 100 pounds—First, second, third and fourth classes, 12½ cents, fifth, A, B, C, D and E classes, 10 cents. After December 15 the rates apply north-bound only. Already effective the maximum class and commodity rates from San Francisco to Spokane, Farmington, Coulee City, Genesee and Juliaette will be class rates and one-half of commodity rates St. Paul to Spokane, plus the following arbitraries: First, second, third and fourth classes, 7½ cents; fifth, A, B, C, D and E, 5 cents. This does not in any way affect present rates to points east of Spokane or to points on the Washington & Columbia River railroad.

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When there is a lactic acid in the blood. Liniments and lotions will be of no permanent benefit. A cure can be accomplished only by neutralizing this acid and for this purpose Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine because Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only blood purifier prominently in the public eye.

HOOD'S PILLS act easily, yet promptly and effectively, on the liver and bowels.

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Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extraordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago. Manufacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a patent medicine. It does not belong to the list of nostrums. It is here on its merits."

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The above mentioned reward is hereby offered for such information as will lead to the conviction of any person or persons breaking the glass of the window of any unoccupied house or other, in the City of Victoria, or damaging in any way any portion thereof, or of the premises appertaining thereto or removing therefrom any article belonging to the said premises, or defacing injuring or destroying any street sign or other property belonging to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C.M.C.

Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1895.

$25.00 REWARD.

The above reward is hereby offered for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons tampering or interfering in any way with any manhole, ventilator, flush tank, or other part of the sewerage system of the City of Victoria, or causing any impediment or obstruction to the proper and effective operation of any portion of the said system, except when acting under instructions from the City Engineer or Sanitary Officer.

By order.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1895.

Notice.

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E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

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STILL NO TIDINGS.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur Went Out Yesterday to Search for the Strathnevis.

Steamer Maud Has an Unusually Stormy Passage From the West Coast.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur left Esquimalt at 9:30 yesterday morning to search for the steamer Strathnevis. It is feared that the vessel has met with another accident since she was reported by the bark John Gamble. The weather has been very stormy and she would be helpless in her disabled condition. Capt. Roberts, of the British clipper ship Buckingham, which arrived on the Sound last week, reports one of the stormiest passages he ever experienced. The wind changed about so often that it seemed at times to be blowing from several different points of the compass at once. On December 1 he was within ten miles of Cape Flattery, but the wind suddenly whisked about and drove him out to sea again and he did not get inside the cape until the third time he approached it. He is of the opinion that the Strathnevis, with her limited canvas, is having a serious time of it in mid-ocean. On account of the frequent changing of the wind he is inclined to think the disabled steamer will be picked up, if at all, in the vicinity of the point where she was reported on November 19. The collier Costa Rica, which arrived at San Francisco on Saturday, after spending several days in searching for the vessel, could not find her.

A Portland dispatch says: "The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's steamship line between this city and Hongkong and Yokohama, established six months ago as an experiment, has become permanent. For the past six months the experiment has been tried of running a monthly line of steamships, and it has proved a success beyond the anticipation of the promoters. On the first of the month the first contract expired, and to-day another was signed, which makes the line permanent. The contract is between the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company and Samuel Samuels & Co., of Yokohama, who own the three vessels on the line."

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Five San Francisco seal hunters are supposed to be imprisoned at Saghalien by the Russian authorities for fishing in Siberian waters. The sealers went a year ago to join a fishing crew whose headquarters are at Yokohama. They are Frank Peterson, James Maloney, Steve Brennan, B Sheehy and Edward Howe. Ten other American seal hunters are said to be in the same predicament. The Russian penalty for fishing off the coast of Saghalien is said to be life imprisonment. A report of the arrest has been sent to Washington authorities.

After being delayed by contrary winds and heavy seas, the steamer Maude, Captain Roberts, arrived last evening from the West Coast with the following passengers on board: C. Spring and wife, Captain Balcom, Cox, Foley, Hackett, W. Cox, Magnesen and W. T. Dawley, S. Spain and Mrs. Geddes. The Maude brings no West Coast news of any importance. She will leave again for West Coast points on the 20th inst.

The Norwegian bark Prince Regent, Captain Johnnason, 140 days from Rio de Janeiro, arrived in the Royal Roads on Saturday evening. She was towed by the tug Active to Vancouver this morning, where she loads lumber at the Hastings sawmill for the United Kingdom. The Prince Albert, another vessel chartered to load at Hastings sawmill, left Rio de Janeiro on October 12.

The following Victoria passengers, per steamer Umatilla, sailed this morning: J. W. Harley, Eugene Stiner, Charles Henshaw and wife, Mrs. D. Dore, sister and daughter, J. Meyer, Flewis, T. Adney, Miss L. Sayyea, F. D. Shuyler and wife, J. C. McHolme, A. W. Walker, Miss Dixie, Miss M. Goodman, Miss A. Goodman, James Rosseau, Miss Rosie Minnier.

Several vessels were delayed by the storms of last week. The Ardmore did not leave Plumper's Pass till Friday morning, when she was towed to Vancouver by the tug Active. The America, coal laden, from Departure Bay, and in tow of the tug Wanderer, ran into Plumper's Pass for shelter and is still anchored there.

Early this morning the Alaskan steamer Topeka arrived at the outer wharf, and left shortly afterwards for the Sound. The Topeka encountered some very stormy weather on her way down but saw nothing of the Strathnevis nor the Danube which went up north in search of her.

The Puget Sound & Alaska Steamship Company, owners of the Sehome, have about finished repairs on the steamer Edith, and will put her on the Victoria run instead of the Sehome.

The steamer Rainbow leaves this evening for the Skeena and northern ports. R. G. Cunningham, J. A. Carthew and F. Robinson, northern cannerymen, will be among her passengers.

Six hundred cases of Salmon and a number of passengers leave by the Canadian Australian line steamer Miowera which sails at six this evening for Honolulu and Australia. The cabin passengers booked from Victoria are Rev. Lad gate, Mr. Carter and Miss Carter. There are also eleven steerage passengers.

The C. P. R. steamship Victoria sailed on Saturday from Yokohama. She has 600 tons of freight and 15 Chinese passengers for Victoria.

After taking a number of naval stores to Esquimalt the steamer Maude left for Comox for a load of coal for the C. P. N. Co.

Bark Thermopylae of this port with lumber from Port Blakely passed Deal, Eengland, on Saturday and reported all well.

The sealing schooner J. Eppinger left last week for the Japan coast.

MURDER IN SEATTLE

George White, a Colored Janitor, Well Known in Victoria, Instantly Killed.

White and H. B. Crockett, the Murderer, Quarreled About a Game of Dice.

George White, a colored janitor in Seattle, was shot and instantly killed yesterday morning by H. B. Crockett, formerly owner of the Nickel Plate Saloon at the corner of Front and Madison streets. White was at one time porter in the office of R. Dunsmuir and Sons, and was well known in the city.

The trouble occurred in Joe Roadhouse's Criterion Saloon on Yesler avenue between Third and South Fourth streets. The men were shaking dice for drinks. White had lost a bet and became cross. He called Crockett a —— —— liar, whereupon Crockett pulled his gun, a 45-caliber Colt, and said:

"I will allow no —— —— nigger to call me a liar," and fired, the bullet striking White in the left cheek, about an inch from the lower portion of the nose, ranging upward into the brain. White fell in his tracks, never uttering a word or a sound.

Crockett turned his pistol over to Joe Roadhouse, the proprietor of the saloon, and calmly called for a drink of whiskey. In the meantime somebody ran out into the street and called Sergeant Templeton and Jailer Henry Surrey, who had heard the shot and were in front of the police headquarters. Templeton and Surry hurried down to the saloon and placed Crockett under arrest. As Surry walked up to Crockett, the murderer was in the act of drinking a glass of whiskey. The jailer, however, took it away from him and took him to headquarters. On the way up he jabbered in a maudlin manner, and told Surry that the "nigger tried to pull a gun on him, but he wasn't quick enough and got shot for his pains." He was searched and placed in the women's cell, and in a few minutes was in a drunken stupor.

Sergeant Templeton telephoned at once to Coroner Askam and Deputy-Sheriff McCorry, and took charge of the remains until they arrived. When they reached the saloon White was lying in a pool of blood in the exact spot in which he fell. The coroner examined the wound, and found that the bullet had not penetrated the back of the head. He rang for Butterworth & Sons' dead wagon, and at 2:45 sent the body to the morgue.

Joe Roadhouse and one other, whose name could not be learned, were the only witnesses to the terrible tragedy, and they were unwilling to talk.

Crockett's statement that White attempted to pull a gun appeared false, as nothing was found on the dead man but a plug of tobacco and a bunch of keys.

PRESIDENT FAURE TO RESIGN.

Report That the Head of the French Republic Will Step Down.

London, Dec. 16.—The Paris correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette telegraphs this afternoon that he is in a position to state that M. Faure, president of the French republic, will resign before March next.

HARVEY'S POLITICAL PARTY.

Is Pledged to Free Silver and Unselfishness in Politics.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—W. H. Harvey, the apostle of free silver, better known as "Coin," yesterday launched a new political party, which, according to the prospectus which Mr. Harvey gave out, is to be an oathbound secret organization with the title of "Patriots of America." Its especial use is to advance the use of free silver as well as to eliminate selfishness in politics. The national officers are W. H. Harvey, first national patriot; Charles Maclure, national recorder; James F. Adams, national treasurer. Mr. Harvey was first elected head of the order and then he appointed Messrs. Adams and Maclure and the organization was declared complete.

THE CZAR'S UNSAFE POSITION.

Another Conspiracy Against His Life Has Been Unearthed.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—A special dispatch has been received here from Moscow saying that a conspiracy against the life of the Czar has been unearthed. The dispatch adds that a number of bombs have been seized and that several men and women, including prominent Nihilistic leaders, have been arrested in connection with the plot.

THE KILLING AT KHARPUT

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buildings were burned. All the houses were plundered, and the soldiers made no attempt to stop the robbery. The missionaries were stripped of everything but the clothes they were in. The Turks were much disappointed that any of the missionary buildings were spared. On Tuesday the Turks returned to the attack, but an order came to stop and permission was given to shoot the Kurds. The whole business was finished, and the government deliberately abandoned the Christians. The missionaries put themselves under the protection of the government again and again, formally demanding protection, but the protection given was a sham.

The Ulema, or heirarchy of religion, assured Dr. Barnum that no Kurd should enter the city. The chief of defense told Dr. Barnum that until he was cut to pieces not a Kurd should enter the city; that no hair on the heads of the missionaries should be injured, but he stood quietly looking on while the attack was made, and offered not even a show of resistance. The missionaries had the best possible show for seeing the hollowness of Turkih professions. The whole region is in a state of desolation. I counted twelve ruined villages, of which I know, but there are said to be thirty-three villages in Charsunjak alone. There is no return from Karkin yet. The missionaries there may not escape with their lives.

Belgrade, Servia, Dec. 16.—The Arnauts around Prizrend, Albani, are in a state of openlawlessness. The authorities are powerless and the Christians are anxious, as their oppressor, Mulagolk, has been released from prison at Stamboul where he has been confined for some time past.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

ATHLETICS.

London, Dec. 16.—In spite of the cry of "professionalism," which the sporting papers have indulged in regarding the American athletes, the London Athletic Club will shortly challenge the New York Athletic club to a contest in London during the summer of 1896. J. B. Martin, president of the London Athletic club informed a reporter of the Associated Press that a challenge would be sent to the New York Athletic club, this having been the sentiment of the English athletes ever since their return from New York. The Englishmen say they had nothing to complain of as to their treatment while in America, although they complain of the hot weather which prevailed while they were on the other side of the Atlantic, and they think they will do better next time. The London Athletic club is already in correspondence with the various universities, for the purpose of securing the best material available. President Martin spoke very highly of American athletes, and added: "We shall be glad to meet and welcome an American team in England."

Considerable comment has been aroused in sporting circles by the speeches made at the recent dinner of the London Athletic Club at St. James' Hall. Mr. Montague Sherman, an old Oxford athlete, who presided, referred to the performance of the London Athletic Club in America, and said that the New York Athletic Club sent into the field a team in full training, "representing the whole representative strength of amateur athletics in America," while the London club did the best they could under trying circumstances. Mr. Sherman also remarked that the reason the London Athletic Club were beaten was because the Americans were more fit and well, and ran faster and jumped higher, and, if their system of amateurism was different, it produced more unanimity, which, conducted on our own lines, would more conducive to the succes of any future London Athletic Club team.

THE GUN.

FOR THE DIAMOND MEDAL.

Capt. E. P. Miner, present holder of the Seattle-Tacoma diamond shooting medal, who has been challenged to shoot for the same by E. A. Kimball, of Tacoma, and has choice of date, birds and grounds, has decided to shoot at the West Seattle grounds Sunday December 29, each to shoot at twenty live birds, and in case of a tie to still shoot live birds, "miss and out," says the P. I. Some 500 live birds have been secured and a number of sweepstakes will be shot. A large crowd of shooters is expected from Victoria and Tacoma.

FOOTBALL.

The Victoria Wanderers met with defeat at Duncan's on Saturday. Their opponents, the Cowichan team, put up an unusually strong game, the Fall brothers doing great work for the team. The score was four to nil in favor of the Cowichan team. A return match will be played on New Year's day in Victoria, and as the Wanderers are determined to strengthen their team in every way, the Cowichans will have some difficulty in retaining their laurels.

THE GREAT HEALER'S POWER.

A Handkerchief Blessed By Him Effects a Cure Many Miles Away.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 16.—Nathan W. Baker, proprietor of the Baker House at Lewisburg, has completely recovered from acute inflammatory rheumatism through the application of a handkerchief blessed by Francis Schlatter, the "Healer," of Denver. The handkerchief was sent Mr. Baker by Miss Fannaught, a Lewisburg girl visiting Colorado.

—Insist upon your grocer giving you Odell & Morris' Jams.

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How to Get "Sunlight" Books.

Send 12 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers to Lever Bros., Ltd., 23 Scott St., Toronto, who will send post-paid a paper-bound book, 100 pages. For 6 "Lifebuoy" Carbolic Soap wrappers, a similar book will be sent. This is a special opportunity to obtain good reading. Send your name and address written carefully. Remember "Sunlight" sells at six cents per twin-bar, and "Lifebuoy" at 10 cents. One cent postage will bring your wrappers by leaving the ends open.

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"I was afflicted for eight years with Salt Rheum. During that time, I tried a great many medicines which were highly recommended, but none gave me relief. I was at last advised to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and before I had finished the fourth bottle, my hands were as

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Men's Tweed Pants $1 pair, worth $1.50.

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